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EFFORTS OF NOMURA TO PRESERVE PEACE NOT LIKELY TO SUCCEED

Several Conferences Held In Washington: Halifax's Opinion

THE POSITION IN THE PACIFIC continues to hold attention in the United States and Britain and, while it is generally felt that everything possible is being done to avoid a breaking down of the relations between the two countries, the Japanese Press expresses the view that even the efforts of Admiral Nomura, Japan's new Ambassador to the United States, to preserve peace are not likely to succeed, states a message from Sydney.

A JAPANESE SPOKESMAN STATED YESTERDAY THAT A MEETING OF THE DIET WOULD BE CONVENED IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY ARISING.

IN WASHINGTON, STATE DEPARTMENT officials met yesterday to survey the developments and several conferences were held at which the British and Australian Governments were represented. Nothing official was issued regarding these talks except in a statement made by Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador.

Tremendous Gamble For Japan

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter)—The sudden developments in the Far Eastern situation has focussed the attention of the Indian Press generally on the Japanese threats.

The Statesman says that Japan's loudening threats against Britain and America, some think, are bluff, but we do not share this comforting opinion. The truth is that the present Japanese Government is so deeply committed to the policy of a southward overseas expansion that a withdrawal may prove impossible. It must at least be a delicate and protracted feat.

It is admittedly a tremendous gamble for Japan, comments the TIMES OF INDIA, as Japan will almost certainly find herself at war with America and concludes that she will not be ready for an expansion of the war to the Pacific to be a dangerous optimism.

FOUR REASONS FOR SUCCESS OF BRITISH FORCES

Lord Croft, Joint Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the War Office, in a statement yesterday gave four reasons for the success of the British forces in Africa, states a London message.

First, supreme skill of leadership coupled with a high pitch of training and courage.

Second, efficiency and quality of British war equipment particularly in the design of tanks.

Third, magnificent contribution of the air force and the fact that Britain was able to get the best of her aircraft to that region.

Fourth, the fact that Britain could spare the ships of the Royal Navy to operate in that area.—(Special)

Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, conferred with Lord Halifax and the Australian Minister, Mr. R. G. Casey, and also saw the Netherlands Minister.

Lord Halifax later saw Mr. Sumner Welles.

The conversations dealt with other matters of mutual interest besides the Pacific.

Lord Halifax told newspapermen that Britain had increased her forces in many places in the Far East quite substantially for some time. He was of the opinion that the world position had not deteriorated lately.

The Netherlands Minister said that it was the fundamental policy of the Netherlands East Indies to resist any force. He had no information that the Japanese had made commercial demands on the N.E.I.

WIDE PERSPECTIVE

The issues raised by the meetings of the Australian War Cabinet and the Advisory War Council have a wide perspective, states the Sydney message.

There is no disposition to minimise the danger of the situation in the Pacific, but the fact that there have been no further

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Mr. H. C. Macnamara And Mr. D. J. N. Anderson Appointed Magistrates

Two well-known local barristers, MR. HENRY CHARLES MACNAMARA and MR. DONALD JAMES NEVILLE ANDERSON, will occupy the Bench in the First and Second Courts of the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, taking the places of Mr. K. M. A. Barnett and Mr. E. Himsforth, respectively, both of whom, it is understood, will be posted to the War Taxation Office.

The new appointments are in accordance with the Government policy of having barristers as Magistrates.

Mr. Macnamara, who is a prominent member of the English Association, first arrived in Hongkong in June, 1920, as a solicitor and in 1932 he was called to the Bar.

Mr. Anderson, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Anderson, of Kowloon, was educated at the Diocesan Boys' School and graduated from Hongkong University. In 1932 he went to London and read for the Bar at Gray's Inn. He was admitted, as a barrister in the Supreme Court of Hongkong, on Dec. 1, 1936.

STRENGTHENING U.S. NAVY

President Roosevelt's \$180,000,000 programme for strengthening the navy and naval positions in the PACIFIC, ALASKA and the CANAL ZONE was passed by the House of Representatives before whom Admiral Stark, Chief of the Naval Staff gave evidence at a 3-hour secret session, states a London message.

According to naval data, compiled for Congress, the British navy has been strengthened by 20 new warships in the last three months, including two battleships, two aircraft-carriers, five cruisers and 11 destroyers.—(Special)

BLACK-OUT IN PESHAWAR

PESHAWAR, Feb. 16 (Reuter)—Black-out arrangements in Peshawar City and other areas on the North-West Frontier, were carried out by the authorities who were satisfied with the experiment.

Japanese-American Relations

TOKYO, Feb. 16 (Reuter)—Admiral Nomura, Japanese Ambassador in Washington, and President Roosevelt did not discuss specific Far Eastern developments during their meeting, but limited their conversation to the broader aspects of Japanese-American relations, according to a dispatch from Washington.

The President said he desired to keep relations on a friendly basis and expressed confidence that if problems are approached on a basis of mutual desire to preserve friendship, conflict between the countries is still avoidable.

FULLEST AID

The President, it is reported, reiterated the United States intention to continue giving the fullest aid to Britain by every possible means short of war. He stressed that America's deep concern over China was heightened by the belief that the China and European conflicts may become part of a single struggle, according to the dispatch.

MALAYAN WATERS TO BE MINED

The Admiralty announces that the following area will be a danger to navigation, states a London message.

All the area bounded in the north by parallel of 2 degrees 44 minutes, N.; east by Meridian 104 degrees 30 minutes, E.; south by parallel of 1 degree 35 minutes, N.; and west, by the coast of Malaya.

Mines will be laid in this area without further notice.

Any ships wishing to pass through this area will have to apply to the British naval authorities at Singapore for a safe passage. Any vessel not doing so will have to pass at their own risk and peril.

TURKISH GOVT. TO REQUISITION ALL CEREALS

ISTANBUL, Feb. 16 (Reuter)—The Turkish Government is requisitioning all cereals and grains surplus to the producers' requirements.

This step is being taken owing to the exceptional wartime circumstances which necessitate accumulation of sufficient stocks in case emergency arises.

These surpluses will be paid for in cash.

The Turkish Government is also building up large stocks of flour and is creating a state owned commercial office with a capital of £10,000,000, having branches throughout Turkey with a view to buying, stocking and distributing all kinds of commodities and thus regulating prices and curbing profiteering.

Kismayu Occupied: Over Hundred Guns Captured In Battle South Of Benghazi: Progress In Eritrea

AREA TAKEN BIGGER THAN WALES

CAIRO, FEB. 16 (REUTER)—THE OCCUPATION OF KISMAYU AND THE CAPTURE OF GUNS IN A BATTLE SOUTH OF BENGHAZI WITH PRISONERS AND WAR MATERIAL STILL BEING CAPTURED, are the high spots in the following communique issued by the British G. H. Q. yesterday:

"LIBYA: Guns captured in a battle south of Benghazi number 103 field pieces, two heavy A. A. guns and 20 light A. A. guns. Prisoners and other war material are still being counted.

"ERITREA: Satisfactory progress is being made by our columns advancing from the north towards Keren. In the Keren area itself although the enemy have been reinforced our pressure is increasing.

"ABYSSINIA: In the Blue Nile sector Quissan has been occupied by units of the Sudan Defence Force while north-west of Asosa an Italian detachment was surprised and routed, losing many casualties.

"ITALIAN SOMALILAND: Following the capture of Afandi on Tuesday last South African troops have occupied the important Italian port of Kismayu. In this sector guns, armoured fighting vehicles and a number of prisoners have been taken.

"The area captured is bigger than Wales.

"In Kismayu harbour one ship was found scuttled. Three others have been damaged but are still floating and oil storage are on fire. This successful operation was carried out in closest co-operation with the Royal Navy and the South African Air Force."

Kismayu is the third largest port in Italian Somaliland and made its initial appearance in an Italian High Command communique yesterday.

The town, which has a population of 5,000, is the capital of the province of Transjuba (formerly Jubaland) which was ceded to Britain in 1925 in fulfilment of the Treaty of London made in 1915.

It served the Juba River area and is situated about 20 miles from the mouth. Its chief exports are hides, skins and live animals from the famous cattlelands of Juba Basin.

Today's News Summary

THE SITUATION IN THE PACIFIC was discussed in diplomatic quarters in Washington during Saturday and the British Ambassador saw both Mr. Cordell Hull and Mr. Sumner Welles. Later, Lord Halifax told newspapermen that in his opinion the position had not deteriorated. A report from Sydney states that the efforts of Admiral Nomura to preserve peace are not likely to succeed.

THE BIG OFFENSIVE IN ALBANIA is now in its fourth day and the Greeks have gained many successes and captured 300 more prisoners. One result of the operations is the advance between Kila and Tepelini and it is probable that the fall of the latter place cannot be longer delayed.

KISMAYU HAS BEEN CAPTURED by the British forces in Africa and operations are developing satisfactorily. Over 100 field pieces were captured in a battle south of Benghazi.

THE R.A.F. CARRIED OUT HEAVY raids over the western Ruhr, Calais and Boulogne where many fires were started.

PURPOSE BEHIND DARING ESCAPE OF BRITISH PARACHUTISTS NOT CLEAR

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter)—British parachutists have been dropped in southern Italy to "demolish certain objectives connected with ports in that area," writes Reuter's Air correspondent.

The purpose behind this daring escapade, confirmed in London yesterday, is not clear nor can it be stated at present what were the results achieved.

Some of the men engaged have not "returned to their base."

The exploit coincides with the steady march of General Sir Archibald Wavell's army towards the Tripoli, the slow crumbling of the rest of Italy's African Empire, the opening of a new Greek offensive in Albania and heavy air blows against Rhodes and Sicily, two of Italy's most important inland bases in eastern and central Mediterranean.

Whatever may be the sequel it must be rated as one of the most thrilling in a long list of audacious strokes carried out against Signor Mussolini who himself has given convincing proof of the concern it occasioned him.

Il Duce himself draws up the Italian High Command communique and yesterday he took the unprecedented step of telling the British High Command that British parachutists who landed in southern Italy had been rounded up. All military strategy dictated that he would have kept such a scoop secret.

Informed circles in London are asking why he did not do so. Was he concerned to allay the growing public anxiety over Italy's vulnerability to attack from air and sea and now land? That seems to be the likely explanation.

STEP FURTHER

The Italian radio went a step further last night in gratuitously informing Britain that it now knew what these men from the skies were after—another "secret" that Italians might well have kept to themselves.

The objective, it stated, was the "world's longest aqueduct" of Apulia which supplies 302 Italian towns with water.

"Behind this seemingly ingenious assertion may lie a desire to trick Britain into declaring what was the precise objective of the parachutists because of incidents of sabotage which they have found difficult to pin down. Cases of internal sabotage of a men but failed to explode.

Shanghai Shooting Sensation

SHANGHAI, Feb. 16 (Reuter)—MISS DAISY SIMMONS, a Briton, and an Austrian watchman, WALTER LUNTZER, were killed early this morning in a sensational shooting affray in the popular night club Farrens.

Miss Simmons was hit by a bullet fired by a gang of 12 Orientals who invaded the resort while about 600 people, mostly foreigners, were making merry and the watchman was fatally hit when he gallantly attempted to grapple with the invaders in the roulette room.

During the shooting, pandemonium reigned in the ballroom, and roulette room where ladies in evening gowns and their escorts dashed under tables or stampeded towards the side walls.

The gunman, believed to be Koreans, escaped in a car without taking one cent of the thousands of dollars on the gaming tables.

It is believed the shooting is instigated by a rival gambling resort. Hand-grenades were also thrown in the roulette room by the gunman but failed to explode.

Final Selections For First Day Of Annual Valley Race Meeting

BY "LAST QUARTER"

RACE 1 (11.30 A.M.)	RACE 7 (3.30 P.M.)
Confusion Bay	Sapper
Burford	Far View
O-Lan	Viceroy
RACE 2 (NOON)	RACE 8 (4 P.M.)
United Express	Marsh Warbler
King's Flight	A Happy Time
Royal Sovereign	Prairie View
RACE 3 (12.30 P.M.)	RACE 9 (4.30 P.M.)
Distant View	Vitamin M
Oracle	Bendeemer
Nomine Poenae	Dutch Treat
RACE 4 (1 P.M.)	RACE 10 (5 P.M.)
Santa Anita	Lovelylight
Black Seal	Charlesber
A Surprising Time	Eve of Grandeur
RACE 5 (1.30 P.M.)	RACE 11 (5.30 P.M.)
Oolong	Rowan
World Fair View	Devonian
Glossylight	A Roaring Time
RACE 6 (3 P.M.)	RACE 12 (6 P.M.)
King's Welcome	Endeavour
Hascossay	Never-Never
Vis Major	Seal River

DAILY DOUBLE
SAPPER AND VITAMIN M.

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THE HONG KONG
JOCKEY CLUB.ANNUAL RACE MEETING,
1941.

Postponed to:—

First Day—Monday,

17th February

Second Day—Tuesday,

18th February

Third Day—Wednesday,

19th February

Fourth Day—Saturday,

22nd February

Fifth Day—Saturday,

1st March

The programme fixed for 15th February will be run off on Monday, 17th February, and the subsequent days' programmes in consecutive order.

On Monday, 17th, Tuesday, 18th, Wednesday, 19th, and Saturday, 22nd February, the first bell will be rung at 11.00 a.m., and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, 1st March, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m., and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The tiffin interval will be after the fifth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND
ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE
WILL BE ADMITTED TO
THE MEMBERS'
ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 9.45 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 11.45 a.m. ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, (Tel. 21920).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE
ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S
PREMISES DURING THE
MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary,

Hong Kong, 10th Feb., 1941.

CIVILIANS BEAT ARMY IN
LAI WAH CUP FINALHowlett And Fowler Share
Five Goals

Despite the fact that they were more on the offensive ARMY had to admit defeat to a persistent CIVILIANS eleven in the final of the LAI WAH CUP COMPETITION on the Club ground yesterday, the latter winning by five goals to two after leading by two goals to one at the interval.

Though the score would indicate that the winners won rather convincingly, this was not the case as the military side had more than a fair share of the exchanges. Had Fox, their leader, not let several scoring chances slip by, Army would have changed ends with a lead rather than a deficit.

Howlett led Civilians' attack with dash and was to a great measure responsible for making victory possible. Ferrier was the schemer of the attack and, together with Rietsen, formed a very formidable left flank. B. Gosano and Fowler on the right were not very conspicuous though the latter came into his own in the second half during which he netted twice.

Civilians' defence was steady without being brilliant. Lapsley, in goal, played a good game, saving at least two certain ties. The intermediate trio—Pope, Gough and Maxwell—went about their work with a purpose and had their forwards well plied with through passes.

ARMY HESITANCY

Army, as a team, played well to a man and, as stated, attack for two-thirds of the game but hesitancy in front of goal, plus a certain amount of bad luck, caused their downfall.

Bankier, Naysmith and Fraser, out of a solid defence and could not be blamed for letting the opponents through on five occasions, the latter two relieving many an awkward situation with hefty clearances. Fox, in the attack, went through on his own on no less than four times but except once he failed to turn these to profitable use.

Hossack played a hard game at inside-right and later at centre-forward. Owens and Duffell, the wingers, crossed over many well-judged centres but more use should have been made of Duffell who seldom saw the ball, especially in the first half.

GOOD COMBINATION

Army kicked-off and in the first minute Lapsley was called on to save a high shot from the right. Fox went through, beating the goalie to the ball, but missed by yards with his parting shot. Army at this stage were showing good combination, doing most of the attacking.

After ten minutes Civilians drew first blood much against the play. Breaking away on the left, Rietsen flashed down the wing from whose centre HOWLETT headed in the first goal. Heartened by this Civilians began to exert themselves, HOWLETT increasing the score from Pope's pass.

Army missed a great chance of equalising when Hossack failed to score from a penalty awarded for hands against Ulrich. However, Army continued to press but any promising movements came to a halt when the off-side trap was applied by Civilians' defence. Before the interval, FOX went through on his own to beat Lapsley with a grounder.

On resumption play continued to be even and within a short time Civilians went further ahead when FOWLER scored with a beautiful cross shot. Civilians seemed to be gaining the upper hand and had the better of the exchanges. Following a nice bout of passing between Ferrier and Rietsen, HOWLETT put in his third goal.

FINE RALLY

Hossack and Fox switched places and a change was noticeable in Army's attack. With about 15 minutes more to go Army staged a fine rally and raised the hope of their supporters when WEIR reduced arrears from a scrimmage. Though they tried very hard, the forwards sticking doggedly to their task, Army found the Civilians' defence a hard nut to crack. Just before full time FOWLER put the issue beyond doubt with a good shot.

ARMY: Bankier, Naysmith, Fraser, Birrell, Bright, Freshwater, Owens, Hossack, Fox, Weir and Duffell.

Civilians: Lapsley, Blackburn, Ulrich, Pope, Gough, Maxwell, Fowler, B. Gosano, Howlett, Ferrier and Rietsen.

After the game His Excellency Major-General A. E. Grasset, presented the trophy to Howlett, captain of the winning team. In congratulating the winners Gen. Grasset said that he was glad that an English game was won by an English team.

Eastern Net
Ten Against
Kwong Wah

After leading by one goal at the early stage of the game, KWONG WAH were completely overwhelmed by EASTERN to the tune of 10-2 yesterday at Boundary Street.

Eastern were in their best form. V. K. Hyul and Hau Ching-to were the two most active forwards who were responsible for the success.

Kwong Wah's forwards were no less well-combined but the weakness in the intermediate line proved fatal.

The game opened with fast attacks and Kwong Wah seemed to have gained the upperhand when, not more than three minutes after the kick-off, WONG KING-CHUNG, receiving a well-placed pass, netted.

EASTERN RALLY

Undaunted Eastern rallied and within five minutes equalised through KUI WING-FOOK. This was followed by CHEUNG KAM-HOI who netted. CHO CHOW-TING scored the third goal for Eastern putting the issue beyond doubt.

The most beautiful goal was made by HAU CHING-TO, who received a pass from Cho and sent in a terrific shot. Before the interval KUI WING-FOOK found the net.

Eastern settled down to play very good football. Scorers in this half were V. K. HYUL, 2 KUI WING-FOOK, 2 HAU CHING-TO, for Eastern, and CHIN CHI-FUN, for Kwong Wah.

EASTERN: Lau Hin-hon, Kong Sin-king, Y. S. Yen, Ng Kee-chung, Hsu King-sing, Lo Wal-man, Cho Chow-ting, Cheung Kam-hoi, V. K. Hyul, Kui Wing-fook and Hau Ching-to.

KWONG WAH: Lee Kwok-kee, Chung Fai-lam, Leung Pak-wai, Chung Shu-fai, Chung Kim-fai, Yeung Chi-cheung, Cheuk Shek-kam, Tin Hung-fat, Chin Chi-fun, Lau Fook-chuen and Wong King-chung.

POLICE WIN

In the Second Division, Police beat Kwong Wah by two goals to one at Boundary Street yesterday. Scorers were: Bodie and Coull for Police, and Lo Wing-kul.

KIT CHEE WIN

Kit Chee, who lost to South China 2-1 in the first round, had their revenge yesterday when they trounced them by 4-1 in a second division League match played at Caroline Hill.

THIRD DIVISION

In the Third Division 30th, R. A. collected both points at the expense of A. S. A., scoring four times without reply. The game was played at Chatham Road.

At Sookunpo, International were fully extended by the R. A. M. C., finally winning five goals to three.

MATCH POSTPONED

The Junior Shield match between Eastern and Navy, which would have played yesterday, was postponed.

LEAGUE TABLES
TO DATE

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Sing Tao	19	13	3	3	48	22	29
S. China	17	13	2	2	50	20	28
Eastern	18	13	3	2	63	29	29
Middlesex	17	9	2	6	35	38	20
Kowloon	15	5	4	6	28	25	14
Police	16	6	1	9	27	38	13
Kwong Wah	17	4	4	9	39	55	12
R. Navy	16	3	5	8	37	43	11
R. Scots	15	4	2	9	29	41	10
Club	13	3	1	9	26	46	7
St. Joseph's	17	2	3	12	18	45	7

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
R.E.	19	15	3	1	79	21	33
R.A.S.C.	20	15	2	3	90	29	32
Sing Tao	18	12	3	3	55	23	27
S. China	20	10	5	5	73	25	25
Middlesex	19	11	3	5	59	36	25
R. Scots	20	10	2	8	46	30	22
30th R.A.	20	9	2	9	46	48	20
30th R.A.	20	8	4	8	48	52	20
Kit Chee	19	8	3	8	39	50	19
Kwong Wah	18	6	3	9	30	47	15
R.A.O.C.	20	5	3	12	29	49	13
Police	19	4	1	14	28	72	9
Club	19	2	1	16	19	91	5
Kowloon	17	0	3	14	16	84	3

SING TAO'S
CHAMPIONSHIP
HOPES BLASTED
BY "DIEHARDS"

Suffering their second successive reverse Sing Tao surprisingly went down to Middlesex on Club ground on Saturday by the odd goal in three. With this defeat all the former's dreams of championship honours faded away.

The "Diehards" played grand soccer throughout despite the slippery state of the ground which, however, did not seem very much to the Chinese liking. With a defence that have the redoubtable Chinese attack fully checked, Middlesex forced the pace and put the Chinese defence through a gruelling test.

Bright, Middlesex pivot, contributed no mean part towards this victory as he, with the backs, Freshwater and Sheehan, broke up attack after attack by the Chinese with first time tackling and excellent covering. The forwards, too, were never in better form, with Pearson and Saw initiating all the movements.

STOLID DEFENCE

As in their previous game, Sing Tao's forward line once again let them down. Seeing their short inter passing game coming to naught, they resorted to the open game but this proved of no avail against the stolid "Diehards" defence.

Sing Tao started off in promising style but Middlesex defence soon had the measure of them. "Diehards" moved to the attack and, after constant pressure, were rewarded when Pearson put them in the lead from a corner taken by Marable.

SECOND M'SEX GOAL

Crossing over with a 1-0 lead, Middlesex continued to be the more aggressive side and it was not a surprise when within a short time after resumption went further ahead through Kow.

A few minutes later Kwok Ying-ki reduced arrears, and though Sing Tao tried hard they had to admit defeat finally at the hands of a team who, on the day's play, was better.

SING TAO—Cheung Wing-choi, Hau Yung-sang, Mak Shui-hoi, Tsui Ah-fai, Leung Wing-chui, Soong Ling-sing, Yeung Shui-yick, Fung King-cheung, Kwok Ying-kee, Lai Shui-wing and Ip Pak-wah.

MIDDLESEX—Jackson, Freshwater, Sheehan, Parker, Bright, Thomas, Coomer, Pearson, Riches, Saw and Marable.

ROYAL NAVY BEATEN

All the other league games were postponed, only one match being played in the Third Division in which R.A.O.C. beat Royal Navy by three goals to one. Stephen, Emberson and Harland netted for the winners, while Barber replied for the losers.

DERBY FIRST
PRIZE NOW
\$359,830

The number of tickets sold on the special Dollar Sweep on the Rooty-Hill Derby, postponed to WEDNESDAY, was in the region of 905,000 at 12 noon on Saturday.

The prizes are, approximately: First, \$359,830; Second, \$102,810; Third, \$51,405.

Unplaced ponies, whether starters or not, \$2,040 each. Tickets on this Sweep will be on sale at the offices of the Jockey Club, Exchange Building, up to 9.30 a.m., and at the entrance to the Public Stands, and in the enclosures, after 10 a.m., daily until Wednesday.

Annual Race
Carnival
Begins Today

Due to the water-logged condition of the grounds and tracks, as the result of the heavy rain on Friday night and early Saturday morning, the Hongkong Jockey Club wisely decided to postpone the first day of the Annual Race Meeting to today.

The Rooty-Hill Derby, in connection with which a record special Dollar Sweep is held, will be on Wednesday, while the Final Day will be March 1 instead of Feb. 22. On the latter day, the Champions will fight it out to decide which is the Champion pony of Hongkong.

The new arrangements are: 1st Day—Today, first saddling bell 11 a.m. (Maidens & Trial Plate). 2nd Day—Tuesday, first saddling bell 11 a.m. (Derby Day). 3rd Day—Wednesday, first saddling bell 11 a.m. (Big Sweep Day). 4th Day—Saturday, first saddling bell 11 a.m. (Champions Day). 5th Day—Saturday, March 1, first saddling bell 1.30 p.m. (Australian Subs. Champions).

SPORTING
FIXTURES

TODAY

BADMINTON—"A" Division: University "A" v. Recreo. RACING.—Hongkong Jockey Club's Annual Race Meeting, at Happy Valley, 1.30 a.m. (First Day).

SNOOKER—Garrison League. R. A. Station Mess v. R.A.M.C. Engineers "A" v. Signals' Mess; Eng. Sgts' Mess v. Signals "A", R. A. P. C. v. Military Police.

TOMORROW

CHESS.—Colony Open Chess Championship Tournament, Carvalho v. Karpovich, Sequeira v. Coxhead, Zimmermann v. Wells.

RACING.—Hongkong Jockey Club's Annual Race Meeting, at Happy Valley, 11.30 a.m. (Second Day).

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19
BADMINTON—"B" Division: Section A, J.R.C. v. Recreo; Chung Wah v. King's College; Section B, St. Andrew's v. St. John's; Kowloon Tong v. Police.

FOOTBALL—Junior Shield Replay, 30th R.A. v. Signals (Sookunpo), 4.15 p.m.; Second Division: R.A. M. C. v. 12th R.A. (Sookunpo), 2.45 p.m.

RACING.—Hongkong Jockey Club's Annual Race Meeting, at Happy Valley, 11.30 a.m. (Third Day).

RIFLE SHOOTING.—Hongkong Rifle Association Spon and Practice Shoot, at Kowloon City, 1.45 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20
CHESS.—Colony Open Chess Championship Tournament, Sequeira v. Carvalho, Zimmermann v. Coxhead, Wells v. Karpovich. SNOOKER.—Garrison League, Military Police v. R.A. Station

WILDCATS
OVERWHELM
CHUNG HWACANADIANS GIVEN
BAD SCORE

(BY R.O.Y.)

On a rain-soaked pitch that made good ball playing practically an impossibility the leading teams in the Ladies' League made no mistake against fairly weak opposition although a scrub Canadian squad was given a bad score by the Baby Panthers who scored eight runs in the first two innings to take a long lead.

The Canadians, playing one short, made a shaky start but aided by home runs by Marie and Ullan Khoo rallied strongly, to take the decision with a four-run margin.

The Little Flower Club were very fortunate to avert the indignity of being white-washed when they failed to connect for a single hit against the Cardinal hurler, Efengenia Babida, but managed to secure a run on a walk and a wild throw.

CRUSHING DEFEAT

The Chung Hwa went down to another crushing defeat when they clashed with the Wildcats who garnered 17 tallies in the first frame despite their efforts to get themselves put out.

Fifteen miscues allowed the winners many more runs than they earned although included in their 20 hits were a home run by Thelma Colloco, a triple by Lily Mar and a brace of two-baggers by Irene Pereira.

THE RESULTS

	R.	H.	E.
Cardinals	19	18	4
Florinas	1	0	11
Wildcats	37	20	2
Chung Hwa	5	3	15
Canadians	16	14	10
Panthers	12	3	16

Men's (First Division)

	R.	H.	E.
Recreo "A"	12	13	3
Filipinos	5	4	6

Macao Hockey Club
For Colony

The Macao Hockey Club will send a team to the Colony next week-end for two matches against local teams. They will meet Club de Recreo and Nomads, two powerful sides, in their first visit of the season to Hongkong.

Mess, R.A.M.C. v. Engineers "A", Signals' Mess v. Eng. Sgts' Mess, Military Police v. Signals "A".

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22
CRICKET—"A" Division: Kowloon C.C. v. Recreo; Civil Service C.C. v. University. "B" Division: University v. Grainger; Indian R.C. v. Police.

FOOTBALL—Senior Shield Second Round, Police v. South China (Boundary Street), 4.15 p.m. Royal Scots v. Navy (Sookunpo), 4.15 p.m. Junior Shield Second Round, South China v. Police (Boundary Street), 2.45 p.m. R.A.S.C. v. 30th R.A. or Signals (Sookunpo), 2.45 p.m. First Division: Kowloon v. Club (Kowloon), 4.15 p.m. Second Division: Middlesex v. Royal Scots (Kowloon), 2.45 p.m. Club v. Kowloon (Caroline Hill), 2.45 p.m. Third Division: 35th R.A. v. R.A.F. (Stanley), 2.45 p.m.

RACING.—Hongkong Jockey Club's Annual Race Meeting, at Happy Valley, 11.30 a.m. (Fourth Day).

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23
FOOTBALL—Senior Shield Second Round, St. Joseph's v. Sing Tao (Navy), 4.15 p.m. Kwong Wah v. Eastern (Boundary Street), 4.15 p.m. Junior Shield Second Round, Sing Tao v. 38th R.A. (Club), 4.15 p.m. Navy or Eastern v. International (Navy), 2.45 p.m. Second Division: R.A.O.C. v. Kwong Wah (Caroline Hill), 2.45 p.m. Kit Chee v. R.E. (Caroline Hill), 4.15 p.m. Third Division: 24th R.A. v. A.S.A. (Chatham Road), 4.15 p.m.

SUNDAY
Senior Shield (2nd Rd.)
St. Joseph's v. Sing Tao (Navy) 4.15 p.m.; Kwong Wah v. Eastern (Boundary Road, 4.15 p.m.).
Junior Shield (2nd Rd.)
Sing Tao v. 38th R.A. (Club) 4.15 p.m.; Navy or Eastern v. International (Navy, 2.45 p.m.).

SECOND DIVISION
R.A.O.C. v. Kwong Wah (Caroline Hill, 2.45 p.m.); Kit Chee v. R.E. (Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.).
THIRD DIVISION
24th R.A. v. A.S.A. (Chatham Road, 4.15 p.m.).

ENTRIES FOR
BADMINTON
CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following were the entries received up till 1 p.m. on Saturday:

MEN'S SENIOR SINGLES
Choy Kok-wah (University), P.K. Hool (University), M.P. Yoon, (University), W. Gillies (Police), D. Kwok (St. John's), H. C. Eardley (St. John's), P.H. Wong (Chinese "Y"), (Holder); F. Koh (Chinese "Y").

MEN'S JUNIOR SINGLES
J.H. Odell (Jewish R.C.), A.L. Fisher (K.C.C.), H.S. Jones (K.C.C.), J.L. Anderson (K.C.C.), Peter Lo (Kowloon Tong), J. Hool (University), Ho Weng-toh (University), P.C. Leung (Chung Wah), R.M. Lavalie (Kowloon Tong), M. Talan (Jewish R.C.), E. Gillespie (St. Andrew's), H. Dingdale (Police), R.L. Gordon (Police), P. Wynter-Blyth (K.C.C.), T.S. Young (Chinese "Y").

MEN'S SENIOR DOUBLES
J.J. Remedios and R.H.F. Gonzales (Recreo), Choy Kok-wah and Lo Kim-bee (University), P. K. Hool and H.F. Chew (University), M.P. Yoon and Y.P. Yoon (University), M.A. Oliveira and L.A. Carvalho (Recreo), H.C. Eardley and N.L. Smith (St. John's), P.H. Wong and C. Au (Chinese "Y") (Holders).

MEN'S JUNIOR DOUBLES
AL. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth (K.C.C.), J.L. Anderson and W. Gillies (K.C.C.), Ho Weng-toh and Cheung Ah-chee (University), N. Talan and J.H. Odell (Jewish R.C.), C.C. Pereira and A.E. Xavier (Recreo), D. Kwok (St. John's) and F.H. Kwok (Kowloon Tong), E.A.R. Alves and P.P. Botelho (Recreo

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29. Poison
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A TALK ON BALLET FROM THE STUDIO

Moussorgsky Suite

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Inter-
cession.

12.30 Bruch—Concerto No. 1 in G
Minor, Op. 26.

1st. Mov. Allegro moderato; 2nd
Mov. Adagio; 3rd Mov. Finale—
Allegro energico—Yehudi Menuhin
(Violin) and the London Symphony
Orchestra cond by Sir London
Ronald.

12.54 Two Songs by Benjamin
Gigli (Tenor).

Addio Bel Sogno; Sclapotes, Lucia
(film "La Canzoncelle" Amore).

1.00 Local Time Signal and Wea-
ther Report.

1.03 Some Welsh Songs.

David of the White Rock (arr.
Roberts); The Little Thatched Cot-
tage (arr. Roberts)—Lella Megane
(Contralto) with Piano acc. Menzies
Gwen (Old Welsh Song); Acheu To
Dear Cambria (Old Welsh Song)—
Evan Williams. (Tenor) with Orches-
tra.

1.15 Band of His Majesty's Cold-
stream Guards.

Colonel Bogey—March (Alford);
Youth and Vigour (Latschinger);
Colonial Medley. Wartime Medley.

1.30 Bunter and Rugby Press. Wea-
ther Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Variety.

Piano—Charlie Kunz Piano Medley.
Intro: Mexican Rose; I shall always
remember you smiling; Tears on my
pillow; Deep in a dream; To Mother
—with love; Romany—Charlie Kunz
with Rhythm acc. Vocal—The
Yodelling Working Man; It's Party
Time Again—George Van Dusen with
Orchestra. Orch.—Nobody's Sweet-
heart (Schoebel and Others)—Joe
Glow (Mills and Others)—Joe
Daniels and His Hot Shots in Drum-
msticks; Vocal—What Goes on Here
in my Heart (film "Give me a
Sailor"); Red Maple Leaves (Ken-
nedy-Gross)—Betty Driver with Orch.
Piano—Charlie Kunz Piano Medley
No. 2. Intro: Symphony; You
needn't have kept it a secret; You're
here, you're there; So rare; Stardust
on the moon; That old feeling—
Charlie Kunz with Rhythm accom-
paniment.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Selections from Gilbert and
Sullivan's "Ruddigore."

Sir Rupert Murgatroyd—Dorothy
Gill and Chorus Welcome, Gentry.
For Your Entry—Mixed Chorus. O
Why Am I Moody and Sad?—Sydney
Granville and Mixed Chorus. You
Understand?—Derek Oldham and
Sydney Granville. Hall the Bride of
Seventeen Summers—Mixed Chorus
Madrigal—When the Buds are Bloss-
oming—Muriel Dickson, Dorothy
Gill, Derek Oldham, Stuart Robert-
son and Mixed Chorus. Hold, Bride
and Bridegroom—Sydney Granville
and Full Company. Farewell! Thou
Hast My Heart—Muriel Dickson
and Full Company. Once Was As
Meek—George Baker and Stuart
Robertson. Happily Coupled—Derek
Oldham and Chorus of Girls.

7.15 London Relay—Questions of
the Hour.

7.30 Studio—Talk on Ballet illus-
trated by gramophone records.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.

8.03 This week's programmes.

8.07 Negro Spirituals.

CANDY POISONS CHILDREN

Eight children were poisoned in
Minato-ku, Kobe, when they ate
candies purchased by them at a
confectionery store. It is believed
that either substitutes harmful to
children were used due to the
shortage of sugar, or the candies
were made in a boiler containing
rust.

About an hour after eating the
candies, the children began to
complain of pains in the stomach
and when examined, it was found
that they were suffering from some
kind of food poisoning. Though two
are still confined in bed, the others
recovered some hours later.

In order to investigate fully into
the case, the police have ordered
the suspension of further manufac-
ture by the makers of the suspected
sweets, and at the same time issued
warnings to parents to be careful in
selecting candies for their children
as many sorts contain harmful
substances on account of the cur-
rent sugar famine.

COMING EVENTS

FEB.
17—Tides: High 12.54 a.m. and 1.2
p.m. Low 8.47 a.m. and 7.27 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.54 a.m.; Sunset: 6.31 p.m.
H.K. Jockey Club's Annual Meeting.
Second Day, 11.30 a.m.

Banks Close, 12 noon.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.).
Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12.30 p.m.

18—Tides: High 2 a.m. and 4.16
p.m. Low 17.24 a.m. and 8.57 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.54 a.m.; Sunset: 6.31 p.m.
H.K. Jockey Club's Annual Meeting.
Third Day, 11.30 a.m.

Banks Close, 12 noon.
H.K. Rotary Club, Tiffin Meeting, 1
p.m.

H.K. University: Education Society.
General Meeting—Speaker: Prof. R.
C. Robertson on "Some Travels and
Adventures in the S.W. Provinces of
China." 8.15 p.m.

Helena May Inst., Lecture by Prof.
Gordon King on "China and Modern
Obstetrics" open to all members and
friends of the H.K. Nurses and Mid-
wives Assn., 5.30 p.m.

19—Tides: High 3.55 a.m. and 3.2
p.m. Low 8.43 a.m. and 10.47 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.53 a.m.; Sunset: 6.22 p.m.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.).
Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12.30 p.m.

H.K. Jockey Club's Annual Meeting.
Fourth Day, 11.30 a.m.

20—Tides: High 5.07 a.m. and 4.37
p.m. Low 8.55 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.52 a.m.; Sunset: 6.22 p.m.
Launching of M. V. Hin Sang, Kow-
loon Docks, 6 p.m.

H.K. Y's Men's Club, Tiffin Meeting,
1 p.m.

*St. Andrew's Church Hall, Movie
Evening, 9 p.m.

21—Tides: High 6.54 a.m. and 5.47
p.m. Low 12.18 a.m. and 10.21 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.51 a.m.; Sunset: 6.23 p.m.
H.K. University: Lecture by Prof.
P. B. Wilkinson on "Coronary Syn-
dromes," under auspices of the Uni-
versity Medical Society, 8.30 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.).
Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12.30 p.m.

H.K. Chamber Music Club Concert,
University Great Hall, 9.15 p.m.

22—Tides: High 8.06 a.m. and 6.53
p.m. Low 1.20 a.m. and 11.52 a.m.
Sunrise: 6.50 a.m.; Sunset: 6.23 p.m.
H.K. Jockey Club's Annual Meeting.
Final Day, 2 p.m.

23—Tides: High 8.55 a.m. and 7.48
p.m. Low 2.05 a.m. and 12.50 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.50 a.m.; Sunset: 6.24 p.m.
Junior Golf Championship—Final.

24—Tides: High 9.28 a.m. and 8.37
p.m. Low 2.42 a.m. and 1.47 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.49 a.m.; Sunset: 6.24 p.m.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.).
Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12.30 p.m.

25—Tides: High 9.57 a.m. and 9.20
p.m. Low 3.16 a.m. and 2.32 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.48 a.m.; Sunset: 6.25 p.m.
H.K. Rotary Club, 10th Anniver-
sary Dinner, H.K. Hotel, 8.15 p.m.

26—Tides: High 10.28 a.m. and 9.58
p.m. Low 3.43 a.m. and 3.14 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.47 a.m.; Sunset: 6.26 p.m.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.).
Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12.30 p.m.

SHORT WAVE

DAVENTRY

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G.S.G.	17.79h.c. (16.85m.)
G.S.B.	9.51m.a. (31.35m.)
G.S.H.	21.47m.c. (3187m.)
G.S.O.	15.18m.c. (19.79m.)

NEWS IN ENGLISH

Transmission I—News Sum- mary	4.00 p.m.
Full Bulletin	5.00 p.m.
Transmission V—News Sum- mary	6.45 p.m.
Full Bulletin	7.00 p.m.
do.	9.00 p.m.
do.	12.00 mid- night
Trans. II & III—News Sum- mary	7.30 a.m.
Full Bulletin	8.30 a.m.

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HAND OF GERMANY DISCERNED IN PACIFIC CRISIS

THREAT NOT THOUGHT TO BE IMMEDIATE

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter)—At the moment there is no further indication that Japanese aggressive plans in the south are going to be carried out at once, said the News Chronicle yesterday. It is very proper, however, says the newspaper, that the people of Australia and other threatened territories should be frankly warned of the danger that may soon face them.

Expressing the view that Japan will first seek an understanding with the Soviet Union the newspaper remarks that since Japan signed the military alliance with the Axis and began to deflect her ambitions southwards there has been a marked change in her attitude to the Soviets.

LONDON RAIDERS FLY HIGH

FIGHTERS DESTROY TWO BOMBERS

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter)—Some activity by single enemy aircraft on Friday morning and in the early afternoon is reported in an Air Ministry communique, which states that bombs were dropped in East Scotland and the East Anglian coast. There was little damage and no casualties.

A force of enemy aircraft approached the Kent coast in the afternoon but did not penetrate inland.

British fighters destroyed two enemy bombers off the east coast and two British fighters are missing. An enemy bomber was shot down into the sea off the east coast last night by anti-aircraft fire.

NIGHT ALERT

An alert was sounded in the London area last night and heavy gunfire was later heard in some districts but no planes were heard as they, apparently, were flying high. The "raiders passed" signal was sounded at an early hour.

Night Bomber Menace

Mr. Morrison Warns Against Complacency

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter)—A warning that the night bomber menace was not yet mastered and to every town to prepare for the worst, was uttered by Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Home Secretary, speaking at Preston yesterday.

"There are signs that things are moving in the right direction," he said, "and signs that the enemy is doing things to defend himself. It is a bit of a race as to who is going to get there first."

"I don't know whether we shall be triumphant over the night bomber. We are studying the problem with all the vigour we can."

"In the meantime we must face it that night bombing will go on and we must take it because the alternative is to give way, and that is too terrible to contemplate."

Warning against complacency Mr. Morrison declared: "I would urge upon every town, every city every village and hamlet in the country if they have any feeling that somehow they are going to avoid trouble, to get rid of that feeling."

WAR OPERATIONS IN AFRICA

British Closing In On Keren

NAIROBI, Feb. 16 (Reuter)—A communique issued yesterday says that operations are proceeding according to plan.

In Italian Somaliland, Asmadu and Bulerliho have been captured by East African troops.

In Eritrea, the town of Keren is being steadily surrounded.

An official air communique stated that on Thursday South African Air Force bombers were again active.

In Italian Somaliland, Bardera was heavily bombed. Several direct hits were scored on administrative buildings and a ferry and works were damaged.

On the Abyssinian front a band of (native levies) concentration was bombed in the delta area of the Omo River. Fires caused by the raid of the previous day were still burning.

CHUNGKING PREPARES FOR RAIDS

CHUNGKING, Feb. 16 (Reuter)—As a precautionary measure against the commencement of Japanese aerial bombing attacks on Chungking, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has ordered the evacuation of 200,000 members of the Chungking populace within 40 days, at the rate of 5,000 daily. Civilians, numbering 200,000, whose residence in the city were considered unnecessary, will be refused domicile permits this year as the authorities are determined to reduce Chungking's present population by one-third or one-half before the bombing season starts, which is usually early in May.

HEAVY FIGHTING IN SUYUAN

Chinese Converging On Tamshui

CHUNGKING, Feb. 16 (Reuter)—While the Japanese launched a new attack along the right bank of the Yellow River, the new Chinese offensive has spread from southern Honan province, and fighting is now also reported from Hupeh, Kwangtung and west Suiyuan fronts, according to the latest Chinese field despatches.

There is still heavy fighting in western Suiyuan province but only minor operations are reported on the west bank of the Han River in northern Hupeh. In Kwangtung the Japanese northward push is said to have been repulsed.

The Chinese are now converging on the Japanese near Tamshui to the east of the railway where Japanese troops are trying to cut overland communications between Hongkong and the interior of China.

The Chinese regard the Japanese attacks as "feelers" to test the strength of the Chinese forces.

Yugoslav Capitulation To Axis Pressure Unlikely

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (Reuter)—No agreement was signed by the Yugoslav statesmen during their visit to Germany, said the correspondent of the New York Times late yesterday, quoting high political quarters. The correspondent says that he learned from authoritative sources that the main subject of the talks was that Yugoslavia sign the Axis Pact but that an answer has been deferred until the statesmen have conferred with Prince Paul of Yugoslavia.

The same paper's correspondent in Berlin said yesterday that neutral quarters believe that no concrete results can be expected though it is considered likely territorial concessions may have been offered to Yugoslavia for co-operation with the Axis.

Ankara radio yesterday said Germany is trying to separate Yugoslavia from the other Balkan countries. Turkey has always

urged the Balkan nations to stand together.

IMPORTANCE MINIMISED

The importance of the visit to Herr Hitler is minimised in diplomatic and independent circles in Belgrade.

The temper of the Yugoslav army and the civil population is thought to be such that a major capitulation is impossible.

The secrecy surrounding the visit is believed to have been inspired by the authorities' consciousness that intense resentment would have been caused if the fact had been generally known that the heads of the Government had gone to Germany.

PASSAGE OF TROOPS

Diplomatic circles consider the following points have been discussed in the talks with Hitler:—

First is the old demand for the passage of troops down the Morava Valley towards Salonika.

Second point mentioned as a likely subject of discussion was the clarification of Yugoslavia's attitude in the event of the passage of German troops through Bulgaria.

Moreover, realisation that German occupation of Salonika would render Yugoslavia incapable of offering independent resistance is considered to be the main fact guiding responsible Government and military quarters.

"CHINA" SQUADRON EMBLEM

SHANGHAI, Feb. 16 (Reuter)—In order to decide a suitable emblem for the planes of the British China Squadron the committee of the British Voluntary War Fund yesterday publicly invited Britons to send suggestions.

No prize will be given for the design which the committee deems best and it is specially stated that designs embodying the Chinese dragon will not be considered.

British Parachute Troops Make Daring Raid On Italy

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter)—It was officially revealed yesterday that British soldiers, dressed in recognised military uniforms, were recently dropped in southern Italy by parachute. An announcement by the Ministry of Information stated: "Soldiers dressed in recognised military uniforms were recently dropped by parachute in southern Italy."

"They had instructions to demolish certain objectives connected with forts."

"No statement can yet be made on the results of the operation but some of the men have not yet returned to base."

According to the Italian version of the affair the British soldiers were dressed in khaki uniforms and carried maps, automatic arms and explosives.

They landed in a clearing in a forest and occupied several farms. The alarm was given, says the Italian story, and a cordon was thrown round the area.

SPLIT INTO GROUPS

The British party split up into groups. Eleven, it is claimed, were captured in one place, seven a mile or so away and another group surrendered after spirited fighting.

The Rome correspondent of the New York Times said yesterday that Italian admission that "some damage" was done shows that the men must have got down to the job before being captured.

The exploit has captured the imagination of the American press where it was published yesterday under large headlines.

ITALIAN COMMUNIQUE

According to British Wireless the Italian communique stated: "During the night following February 10 the enemy dropped groups of parachutists in the region of Calabria and Lucania, in Southern Italy."

They were equipped with machine-guns, hand grenades and explosives with the purpose of interrupting our communications and damaging hydraulic works. All the parachutists were captured.

Violent fighting occurred during which a policeman and a civilian were killed."

CABLE NEWS IN BRIEF

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter)—Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, in his speech at Bath, in which he recalled that Britain had withstood intense attacks against shipping and had built and acquired a large tonnage for replacements, added that the Navy "captured a few ships on Thursday but I cannot give details."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (Reuter)—The United States flag was for the first time in history hoisted in Newfoundland yesterday, when the base leased to the United States was formally handed over. The American garrison stationed there was standing at attention when the flag was hoisted.

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter)—All foreign correspondents in Rome have been notified that they must not leave the Italian capital without official permission, says the Rome correspondent of the New York Times. Official reason for this restrictive action is that Rome correspondents went to Bordighera while Mussolini was having his talks with General Franco.

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter)—The German radio stated yesterday that the staff of the Norwegian Legation in Bucharest has been asked by the Rumanian Government to leave that country. Reason given is that Rumania no longer recognises the Government represented by the Norwegian Legation there.

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter)—British diplomatic representatives in Bucharest and members of the Belgian, Dutch and Chinese Legations left for Constantza on Friday. They were scheduled to embark at dawn yesterday, according to a message received in Rome from the Rumanian capital.



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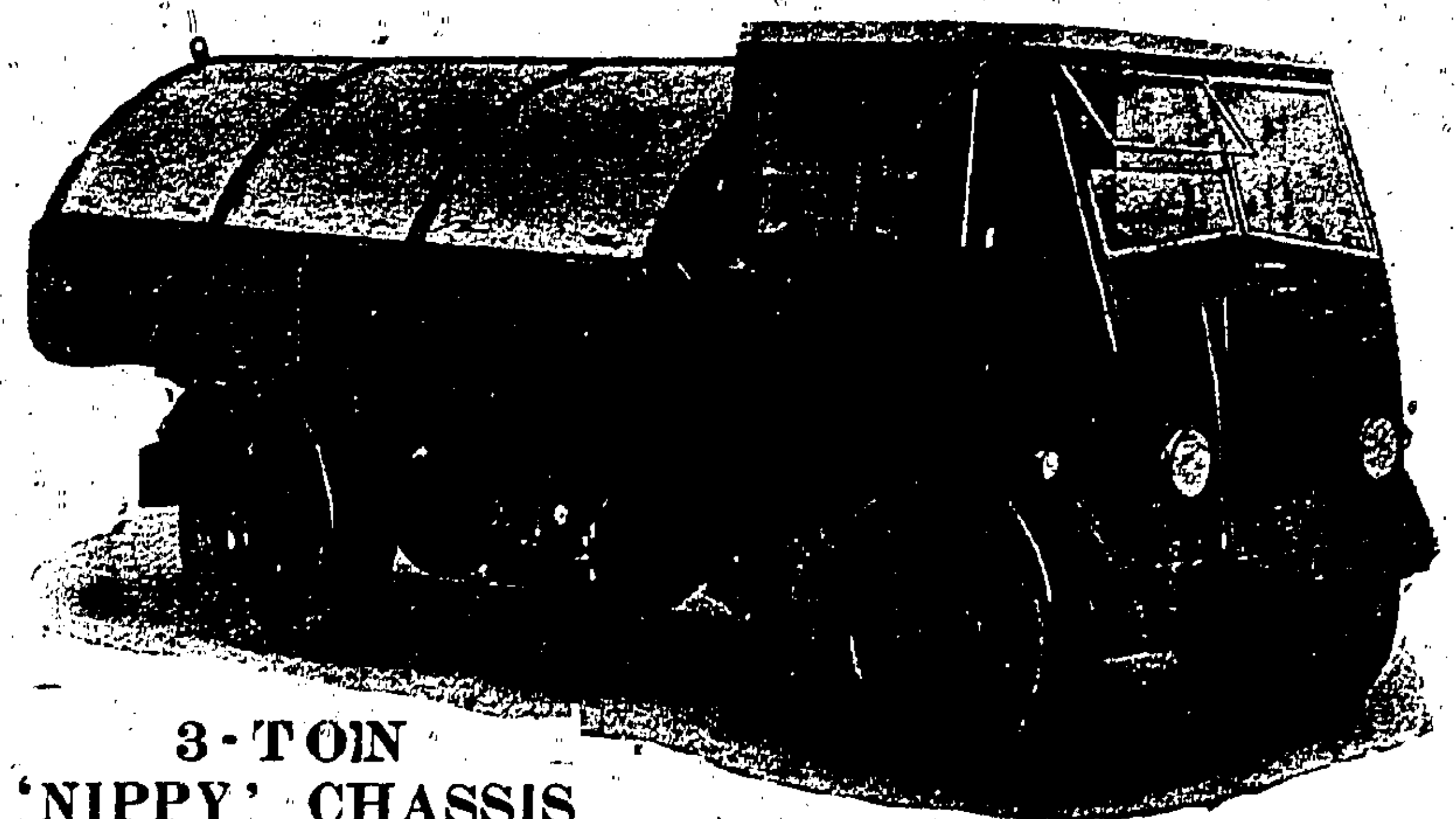
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Chinese National Red Cross Society Hold Annual Conference

The 24th annual conference of the National Red Cross Society of China was opened on Saturday at its Hongkong Office, Kowloon, with DR. C. T. WANG, former Chinese Ambassador to the United States and President of the Society, in the chair. The conference was in session for two days.

Members of the Executive and Supervisory Committees of the Society who attended the meeting included Dr. W. W. Yen, former Chinese Ambassador to Soviet Russia, Mr. Hsu Shih-ying, Acting Chairman of the National Relief Commission, Mr. Tu Yueh-sen, Mr. Wang Hsiao-lai, Mr. Yeh Kung-cho, Dr. H. P. Chu, Mr. Ling Kang-bou, and Mr. Chu Ying-kwang.

Dr. C. T. Wang, in the course of his opening address, made a brief review of the administration, finance, medical relief, medical supplies and other affairs of the Society during the past year.

He said that as circumstances demanded, the Head Office of the Society had been removed to Chungking, and a new branch office had been established in Rangoon to take care of the transportation of medical supplies to the interior consequent upon the changed situation in Hainan.

He revealed that the total number of Red Cross workers, as computed by the Head Office last year, reached 1,785. These included administrative officers, doctors, nurses, relief workers, technicians and truck drivers.

SATISFACTORY RESULTS

Regarding the medical relief work of the Society, Dr. Wang said that it had been carried out by a Wartime Medical Corps in the war zones with satisfactory results. Additional transportation units had been organised in districts where communication lines were lacking while pack animal units had also been formed for transportation on the Burma Road. Dr. Wang revealed that to eradicate disease-bearing fleas, a total of 142 anti-flea stations had been established at scattered areas. In addition, eight medical units had been formed for first-aid service in key points in Szechwan.

Besides the establishment of several hospitals, the Society had also in the last year rendered tremendous financial assistance to other hospitals for their development and expansion, Dr. Wang said.

GENEROUS DONATIONS

Continuing, Dr. Wang revealed that during the past year the Society had received through its Hongkong Office a total of 2,060 cases of medical supplies contri-

buted by people abroad. The figure did not include those received in Rangoon. Aside from a small portion distributed to various charity organisations in Hongkong, most of the supplies were re-shipped to the interior. Of the 2,060 cases, 1,150 were received from the United States and 799 from the Netherlands East Indies, and the rest from Hongkong, Panama, Shanghai, the Philippines and Australia.

Dr. Wang paid a glowing tribute to the National Red Cross Society of America for their generous donation of medical supplies to China.

FINANCIAL POSITION

Turning to the financial situation of the Society, Dr. Wang revealed that the total income for the last year amounted to \$3,287,238.55 (Chinese currency) and HK\$272,018.

Of the total \$132,400 represented subsidies from the National Government, NC\$17,940.80 membership fees and NC\$9,116,897.85 and HK\$272,018.04 were contributions from people at home and abroad.

Of the contributions, the largest amount \$8,544,915.31, representing 95 per cent of the total, came from the Chinese in the Netherlands East Indies. The American Committee for Medical Aid to China also donated handsome sums, amounting to H.K.\$141,294, representing 52 per cent of the total contributions in Hongkong currency.

The total expenditure of the Society last year, Dr. Wang said, amounted to NC\$5,374,713.93 and HK\$714,156.41.

Following the report of the Chairman, reports of the past year's work in Shanghai, Kunming, Rangoon and other places were read, and proposals regarding the improvement of the Society's organisation and work were discussed.

CHINESE SOCIETY WEDDING AT CATHEDRAL

CHAN—GOCKCHIN

A wedding of considerable interest to Chinese social circles took place at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday when MISS ANGELA WAI-CHUN GOCKCHIN, youngest daughter of Mr. Philip Gockchin, became the bride of MR. CHAN SHU-KAI, fourth son of Mr. Chan Wai-chow, former Commissioner of Salt Administration in Kwangtung.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Lee Kau-yan while Mr. J. R. M. Smith, at the organ, rendered appropriate music. The bride presented a charming picture in a gown of white chiffon velvet and was attended by four bridesmaids, the Misses Tong Hok Shu, Aileen Li, Li Wai Han and Elsie Wong, who were attired in gowns of light blue and pink taffeta. All the gowns were designed by "Marlene."

The maid-of-honour was Miss Hui Shu-ching who was dressed in mauve lace and veil.

The bride was given away by her father, Mr. Philip Gockchin, Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Chief Manager of the Wing On Company, Limited and the Wing On Bank, Limited. Mr. Choy Wai-fan was the bestman.

A largely attended reception was held at the home of Mr. Chan which was followed by a dinner at the Kwang Chow Restaurant, West Point.

The bridegroom is a returned student from Germany where he studied political science.

Shamshuipo Districts "Bombed"

COMPETITION FOR HIMSWORTH CUP

Four main districts in Shamshuipo, Kowloon, were severely "bombed" yesterday and A. R. P. wardens worked efficiently to prevent disasters from spreading when a large number of wardens competed for the Himsworth Trophy.

While no result of the competition could yet be obtained, the practice was claimed as highly successful. Wardens kept order in the "bombed" areas and sent their messages to headquarters, which was situated in the Shamshuipo Police Station, swiftly and accurately.

RUSH TO SCENE

The "enemy raider" and "bombs" were substituted by a motorcar and fire-crackers. As soon as the sound of the "bomb" was heard, wardens rushed to the scene, summoned by a warning raised by a colleague. Traffic was temporarily suspended, while wardens indulged in rescue work.

Meanwhile messages, containing "casualties and damage," were sent to headquarters as soon as possible. Mr. E. Himsworth and Mr. C. E. Terry, Chief A.R.P. Warden, Kowloon, were present for the competition.

NEW PRIVATE HOSPITAL TO OPEN SOON

Hongkong will soon have a new hospital, which boasts of an air-conditioned operation room, 60 surgical beds accommodated in 37 rooms, and up-to-date medical equipment and surgical apparatus. Located at No. 1, Babington Path, the Tai Wo Hospital will be officially opened by the Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, Kt., C.M.G., L.L.D., next month.

The building was formerly occupied by a Chinese educational institution. The greater part of it was pulled down, reconstructed, renovated and a new wing added to it according to plans drawn by Mr. T.C. Yuen, local architect.

The minimum rates to be charged have been fixed at \$1.50 and the maximum \$10 per day, both of which do not include food or medical attention.

The chief promoters of the hospital are Dr. Yip Tai-ching and Mr. Siu Pak-wai, proprietor of the Iu Tin Tong, well-known manufacturers of Chinese patent medicines.

Essential Commodities Board

The Government Gazette notifies the appointment of the following Essential Commodities Board:—The Hon. Mr. Stanley Hudson Dodwell (Chairman), the Controller of Stores (Mr. William John Anderson) and the Controller of Rice (Mr. Frederick Charles Barry).

The Board will assess the Colony's requirements of rice, cement, coal, firewood and other essential commodities.

ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES RESERVES

In exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 16 of the Essential Commodities Reserves Ordinance, 1939, the Governor in Council amends Form No. 2 in the Schedule to the Essential Commodities Reserves Regulations as enacted by Government Notification 1033 published in the Gazette of 10th November, 1939, and amended by Government Notification 710 published in the Gazette of 28th June, 1940, as follows:—

Condition 7 is amended by the addition at the end thereof of the following proviso:—Provided that, in respect of any such addition an importer has in the opinion of the Controller of Food previously made a reasonably true declaration of his anticipated annual imports, the addition shall be subject only to single levy.

A home for orphan children will shortly be opened by the Buddhist Temple at Tung Po Tau, Tsun wan, which is under the joint charge of an American Buddhist.

Busy Day At The Registry

The Registry, Supreme Court, had a busy morning on Saturday when seven Chinese couples were married by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages. The parties were:—

Mr. Yang Wah-bun, merchant, of 16 Lan Kwai Fong, and Miss Chan Yiu-king, of 256 Lockhart Road;

Mr. Ng Sing-jack, clerk, of 33 Johnston Road, and Miss Fung Yuk-ching, of 56 Lyndhurst Terrace;

Mr. Tsai Kung-kwong, clerk, of 17 Granville Road, and Miss Poon Wai-keung, of 3 Wing Wa Terrace, Bonham Road;

Mr. Wong Hok-lay, engineer, of 81 Wongmehong Road, and Miss Fung Ling-mia, of 31 Leighton Hill Road;

Mr. Young Sze-kuen, merchant, of 209 Fong Mi Road, and Miss Lum Shui-fong, of 34 Aprilu Street;

Mr. Hung Ki-yong, M. D., of 125 Nanchang Street, and Miss To Lai-wan, of 1 Lock Road;

Mr. Fung Sik-yuen, merchant, of 115 Des Voeux Road West, and Miss Wong Pui-tak, of 123 Lockhart Road.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The forthcoming marriage of Mr. Tsang Ki-chun, office assistant, residing at 384 Hennessy Road, and Miss Wan Yuk-king, of 89 Gloucester Road.

ADULTERATED FOOD AND DRUGS

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Adulterated Food and Drugs Ordinance, 1935, the Governor in Council makes the following further amendment of the regulations made, under the said Ordinance published as Government Notification No. 940 in the Gazette of the 24th December, 1935:—

AMENDMENT

In Regulation 1, a further sub-heading numbered (ii) (a) is added after sub-heading (ii) "Butter," as follows:—

(ii) (a) Margarine is any article of food, whether mixed with butter or not, which resembles butter and is not milkblended butter. It shall be free from rancidity and preservatives and not contain more than 16% moisture or more than 4% sodium chloride. It shall not contain more than 10% butter fat.

Every receptacle containing marked "MARGARINE" and every packet sold retail shall be so marked.

The thirteenth concert of the Hongkong Chamber Music Club will be held at the Great Hall of the University, Bonham Road, on Friday, Feb. 21, at 8.15 p.m. The programme is arranged by the Very Rev. Father A. Riganiti.

Memorial Service For Noted Jurist

A memorial service for the late MR. GEORGE HSU, noted Chinese jurist, was held in the Confucius Hall, Caroline Hill Road, yesterday afternoon.

The dais was made up of a life-size picture of the deceased, beflagged on one side by the Chinese national flag and the party flag on the other. Some 300 scrolls, which included those from Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the Chinese National Government, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and Dr. H. H. Kung, covered up the four walls of the hall, while floral tributes were in abundance.

SILENCE OBSERVED

The service began with the observance of a three-minute silence. Introductory remarks were made by Mr. Yeh Kung-cheuk, followed by a short biography of the late Mr. Hsu given by Mr. Hsu Shih-ying, former Chinese Ambassador to Japan.

Among those who paid respect to the late Mr. Hsu were Mr. Cheung I-lin, representing members of the People's Council of the Chinese Government who are now in the Colony, Mr. Ts'o Hok-yu, representing the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Yeh Kung-cheuk, representing the National Peita Alumni Association.

Mr. Hsu, who died in Hongkong on Sept. 28, last, is survived by a widow, two sons, three daughters and nine grand-children.

H.K.C.C. ELEVEN

The following will represent the H.K.C.C. against the Volunteers at 2 p.m. today at the H.K.C.C.—H. Owen Hughes (Capt.), L. T. Ride, J. E. Richardson, C. W. E. Bishop, N. D. Booker, D. O. Parsons, G. J. Carey, D. S. Robb, W. G. Finnie, C. M. Stark, I. P. Tamworth.

CHANGES IN WAR TAX SYSTEM TO BE OPPOSED

Strong opposition is expected to be put up against Government's proposals for changes in the war taxation system arising out of the announcement, while outlining Government's Budget proposals recently, by Mr. H. R. Butters, Financial Secretary, to re-constitute the War Taxation Committee to re-examine the principles on which War Taxation is based.

Chief criticism of the War Taxation system is that, contrary to sound income tax principles, the earned income of Hongkong residents is subject to taxation, while unearned income has been allowed to escape.

It is understood that certain members of the Legislative Council will oppose any attempt to increase the present rates of War Tax.

POLICE REPORTS

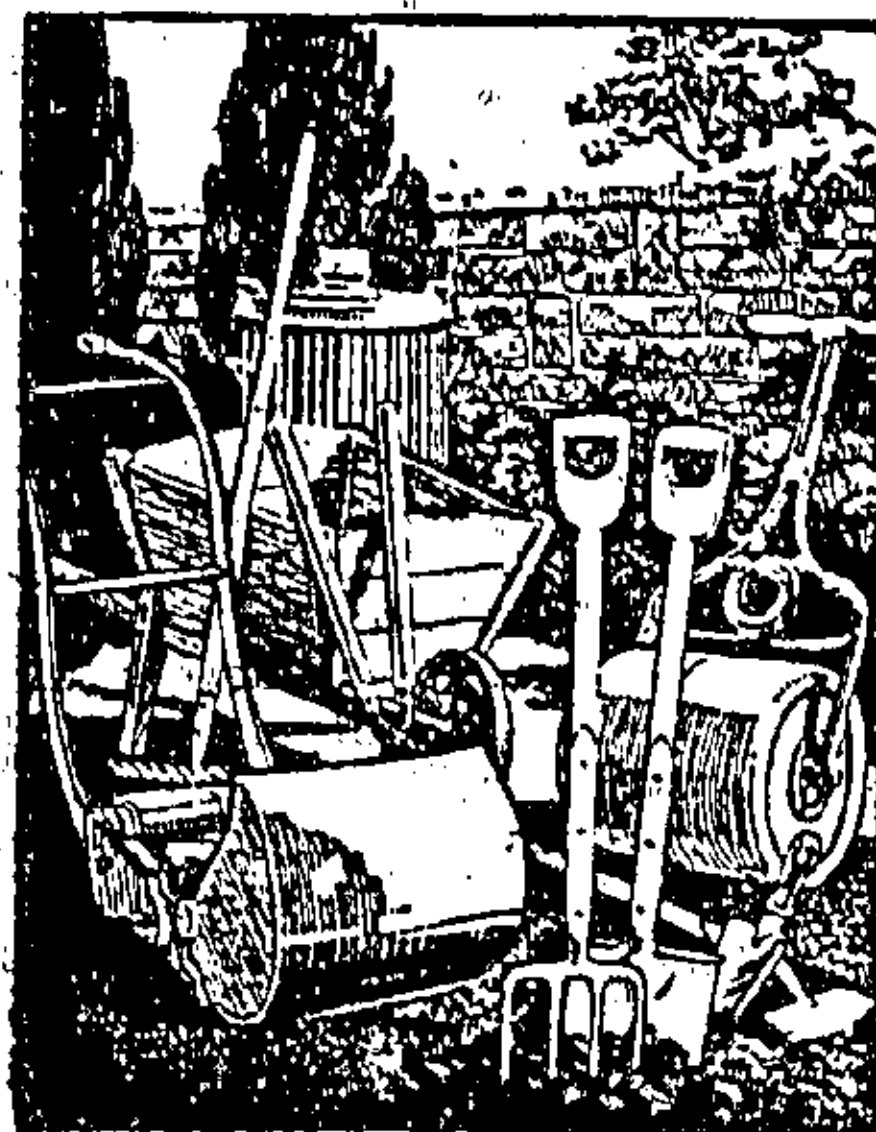
The theft of money and jewellery to the total value of \$800 from his house at No. 8, Ying Fai Terrace on the night of Feb. 13 and Feb. 14 has been reported to the Police by Mr. Kwai Cheung-lin.

Mr. Chan King-choi, of No. 20, Upper Lascar Road, reports that 60 cattles of Chinese medicine, worth \$100, were stolen from his shop on Friday.

Mr. Cheung Ching-kwong, of No. 214, Des Voeux Road Central, has informed the Police that between 6.30 and 7.30 p.m. on Feb. 14, somebody broke open a showcase in his shop and stole \$69 worth of ivory ornaments.

A motor water pump, valued at \$80, the property of Mr. Leung Kwok, was reported stolen from his house at No. 220, Prince Edward Road some time between Thursday and Friday.

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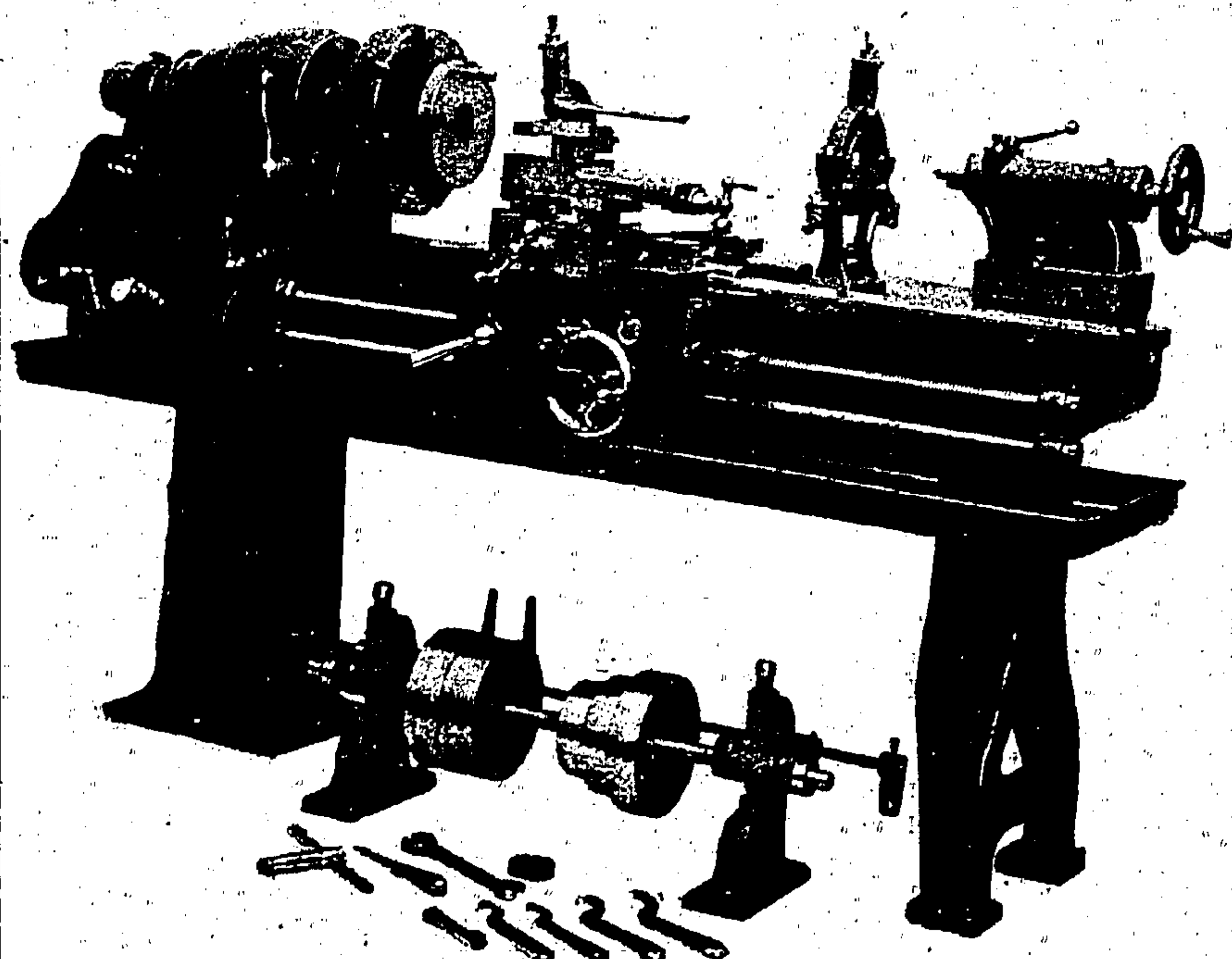
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PRESENTATION TO POLICE INSPECTOR

Inspector Sidney Shephard, Divisional Inspector, (South), has retired from the Hongkong Police force after 20 years' service and a presentation was made to him at the Water Police Station on Saturday evening.

Sub-Inspector Olivier, the new Office in Charge, Water Police, presented the retiring officer with a silver junk and a gold wrist watch on behalf of his colleagues.

Inspector Shephard joined the Hongkong Police Force in October, 1920. Previous to his arrival in the Colony he was in the Army and saw action during the last war.

His retirement was the result of trouble caused by wounds received in the last war.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held in the Jacobean Room of the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 15th March, 1941, at NOON for the following purposes, namely, to consider the annual statement of accounts and the balance sheet and the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon, to elect directors and auditors in the place of those retiring, to declare a dividend, to appropriate the balance of Profit & Loss Account as recommended by the Directors, and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE is also given that the Share Transfer Registers will be closed from 1st March, 1941, to 15th March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
R. A. WICKERSON,
Secretary & Manager,
Hongkong, 14th February, 1941.

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THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, the 28th February, 1941, at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 19th February, 1941, to Friday, the 28th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager,
Hong Kong, 12th February, 1941.

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U.S. NAVAL BASE AT SAMOA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The Naval Affairs Committee of the U.S. Senate is calling the Chief of Naval Operations to give evidence in a secret session regarding the Navy's request for a base at Samoa. It is emphasised that a base in Samoa was of strategic importance to United States naval defence.

The Roll of Midwives, containing the names of 537 who have been duly certified under the Midwives Ordinance, 1910, Ordinance No. 22 of 1910, and who are authorised to practise in the Colony during the year 1941, is published in the Government Gazette.

DEATH

At 3 a.m. on Sunday, February 16th, Mother Mary Motta aged 38, died at St. Francis Hospital-Wanchai (Queen's Rd.) after a long illness.

She was a most beloved member of the Staff of St. Mary's School and had been in the Colony for 10 years.

Her funeral will pass the monument on Monday, February 17th at 10.30 a.m.

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AXIS REBUFFED

THE AXIS POWERS have received a rebuff on all diplomatic fronts and the fact that the international situation showed no signs of deteriorating must be taken to indicate that the conspirators in Europe and in the Far East have been forced to go into another huddle to reconsider the position in the light of the events that have taken place during the past week. The most important of these events have, of course, been the meeting between Signor Mussolini, General Franco and Marshal Petain. Except for the stereotyped Axis phrase of "an identity of views" having been reached at the meeting between the Italian and Spanish dictators, nothing definite has emanated regarding the results of the conversations, but the fact that Spanish opinion has not been unduly excited or perturbed over them seems to show that there is justification for assuming that General Franco refused to be made a catspaw in Italy's plea for assistance to regain the initiative in the Mediterranean. The lesser gangster was probably acting on instructions from Berlin when he arranged the meeting with the Spanish leader and now that the Italian braggart has failed in enlisting General Franco's aid for an attack on Gibraltar, it is left to be seen how Herr Hitler will react to the Spanish attitude.

GENERAL FRANCO'S meeting immediately afterwards with Marshal Petain raises the possibility of the establishment of a Latin entente between France, Spain and Italy, if the Fascist flunkey can be induced to shake off the shackles of Berlin as the only alternative to seeing his whole Empire fall crumbling about his ears. Speculation along this line, however, comes into the category of wishful thinking. It is a possibility that must bear scrutiny, though it seems too much to hope that the Nazi war lord will permit the formation of even such a passive opposition to his plans. If Herr Hitler felt that Signor Mussolini even contemplated such action, at one fell swoop Italy would be reduced to the blood-stained position in which Rumania now finds herself—a position which even now threatens Bulgaria and Yugoslavia, whom Herr Hitler is seeking to intimidate in order to open the way for a move which he can reasonably be assured can be carried out successfully so as to bring him a step forward in his Mediterranean designs. Whatever these may be, whether they

INTERESTING
TALK ON DR.
GRENFELL

"Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell, the great Labrador pioneer, did everything, which were considered as almost impossible by ordinary people and he was the man who didn't know the meaning of can't," declared Rev. E. Moreton, addressing the Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group last evening in the West Lounge.

Mr. Moreton said that Mr. Grenfell, at the age of 18, decided to study medicine. Despite the fact that he was a keen and able student in medicine Dr. Grenfell's spiritual life at this stage was anything but developed.

A turning point in this great man's life came when he was converted to a Christian after which Dr. Grenfell started his unforgettable career as a pioneer in the welfare of the boys and fishermen.

Braving every difficulty, Dr. Grenfell carried his work to Labrador where he established missions, hospitals and other helpful institutions.

Mr. A. W. Ingram, Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., who was in the chair, announced that the speaker for the next meeting will be Dr. Ashton and the subject "A Doctor Looks at Life and Religion."

EX-KING ALFONSO
GRAVELLY ILL

VICHY, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The condition of ex-King Alfonso, who had a heart attack on Friday, showed slight improvement yesterday afternoon but remains grave, according to Rome news received here via New York. It was stated that he is suffering from angina pectoris.

are intended to help his Italian ally or in a vain attempt to weaken British mastery in this theatre of war, as a political commentator put it on Friday, a venture by Herr Hitler into the Mediterranean sphere of war might weaken his resources more than he can permit, if the winning of the Battle of Britain is still his main concern.

AT THE OTHER END of the Axis, the Japanese, egged on by their Nazi tutor, have been imitating the Berlin technique. At Herr Hitler's behest, Japan's militarists have been furtively engaged in working up to a crisis in the Far East. Everything seemed to be panning out to their satisfaction—that is, as far as their meddling in the affairs of Thailand and Indo-China were concerned. While ostensibly pretending to be the friendly mediator, Japan has been paving the way for a secure hold on both countries, which she intends to use as spring-boards for her southward drive in the furtherance of the eastern edition of Herr Hitler's "New Order." Goaded on to take some action by Berlin, Japan made a blatant mistake when she started manoeuvring her warships off Bangkok and Saigon and made further demands on the two countries. Immediately came the clarion call from Australia and the emphatic statement from President Roosevelt that, even if the United States became involved in a war in the Pacific, it would not in any way, retard the assistance which was to go to Britain. The warning issued by Australia's statesmen and the preparedness of that country and Malaya, to meet any move to spring a crisis in the Far East has caused a change of tone from Nippon and honeyed phrases have poured out from the new Japanese Ambassador to the United States about his firm resolve to bring about better relations between the two countries. This pause may, however, only be temporary, as Herr Hitler, in his present position, will probably increase his pressure on Japan for action. Will Japan even now study the writing on the wall?

THE POST-WAR WORLD:
DECENCIES OF LIFE MUST
BE PRESERVED

"There can be no going back to the world as it was before the war, but there is one thing that belongs to that world which we must not let go—the principles of ordered democratic government by popular consent," said MR. HERBERT MORRISON, Minister of Home Security, when he broadcast from London yesterday in the series "Britain Speaks."

Mr. Morrison recalled that early in 1939 a party of German girls paid a visit to England with the idea of seeing for themselves what the nation was thinking. It was difficult to convince them that if the Germans continued on the course of aggression the result would be war. As a businessman told them, at a conference, it was clear even then that the British people meant business.

DECENCIES OF LIFE

"The British people have a strong instinct for the decencies of life," said Mr. Morrison. "We have our bad patches from time to time when we have gone in for a certain amount of vulgar boasting, but on the whole, in recent times, we have considered things with a strong sense of justice and a respect for the other man's point of view."

"We want to win the war because we know that there is no room for Herr Hitler and his kind in the forward moving world we intend to live in. We want to win the war because, whatever the wisecracks may say, Hitlerism is an evil thing and an offence against the decencies of life. His gang is a gang of political perverts, brutally led with blood and corruption in their very souls."

CIVIL DEFENCE ARMY

"The British, being decent people, are prepared themselves to meet them. We know that this resistance is not only the affair of the fighting forces. Besides these we have not only the Home Guard, but the civil defence army of wardens, firemen, ambulance drivers, and others organised to cope with the results of an attack from the air. Most of its members live at home. A considerable part of them do whole time jobs in industry and commerce. They do their civil defence work in their spare time."

"We have also enrolled many thousands of others as fire-fighters. They have tackled this with such vigour and resolve that we can now hope that the edge of this particular weapon has been turned. The courage of our people under this ordeal has been as faultless as our fallible human nature can be expected to be."

THE EXPLANATION

"How does one explain this? It is because they know that their own national ways are being

threatened. We have travelled towards the light that has in it increasing freedom, and we want to see this taking root and growing all over the world. We are yet discerning a state of things to which we are looking forward with a greater measure of faith, and we find ourselves up against the embodiment of everything evil of a bestial force."

"There is no more to be said about it," continued Mr. Morrison. "Herr Hitler has no argument to which we will listen. In my judgment, this is exactly the way the American people would behave if they were in our situation. I have had the privilege of personal contact with you Americans. I have talked with your great President, and in recent days, I have renewed my impression and refreshed my memories of the finest American qualities in my talks with Mr. Wendell Willkie."

SHARING OF IDEAS

"He was a tonic for our people in their time of trial, and I find myself convinced that he sees things as we do, because you are free people and you share our ideas about the sort of world that is worth living in and dying for. You and we are the same kind of people when it comes to things that really matter. That is why I feel so completely at home among you. That is why the holidays that I have promised myself when this war is over will be to spend a few weeks with you."

Mr. Morrison said that the time will come when they will have to answer a few questions about the world. The first would be that it would be a blessing for all peoples of the world if this war ended with a great preponderance of military power in Anglo-American hands. Whatever actual shape the post-war settlement took it must be based on the same principles that they had at the heart of their national organisation.

RIGHT KIND OF PEACE

"We shall make the right kind of peace, whatever its details might be," said Mr. Morrison. "We shall be ready to make changes in our customs and hopes and to make sacrifices of cherished ideas and cherished positions."

"What we are looking forward to is not the bloody strife of battle, but total war against poverty, disease, injustice, and needless misery. The time is coming when you and we may be privileged to work together for a purpose that shall endure."

NEWSETTES

The next Criminal Sessions will be held on Friday, Feb. 21, at 11.30 a.m.

Arthur Edwin Gee has been appointed Acting Sub-Lieutenant in the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force.

Mr. Ian Bernard Trevor has been appointed to act as Manager and Traffic Manager of the Kowloon-Canton Railway with effect from Feb. 27, 1941.

Mr. Walter Heathcote has been nominated a member of the Court and Council of the University of Hongkong.

Major Maurice Alfred Johnson, O.B.E., M.M., has been allowed to resign his commission in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps with effect from Jan. 15, 1941.

The Efficiency Medal has been awarded to Company Quartermaster Sergeant John Callander Polson and Corporal John Trueman Lacey, of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.

Misses Lam Chiu-ping, Cestra Tsang and Nora Wing-wah Kwok have been appointed Assistant Inspectors of Labour, Factories and Workshops.

Tenders are invited for the supply of uniforms, and also for mending of Chinese volunteer ratings of the H.K.N.V.F.; repairs to No. 4 Police launch; collection and storage of sand; and supply and delivery of Asphaltum.

CORRESPONDENCE

ROLLER SKATING
HOCKEY LEAGUE

The Editor, the H.K. Daily Press

Sir,—As Roller Skating is very popular in the Colony I suggest that a Hockey League be formed. I am sure that good teams could be found in all of our sports Clubs.

It should run on the same rules as Ice Hockey.

If there is any one interested could it be printed in the paper?
J. C.

A Memorial of Re-entry by the Crown on the remaining portion and Section A of New Kowloon Dairy Farm Lot No. 22 has been registered according to law.

John Cyril Leonard Collins has been enrolled in the Key-Posts Group of the Hongkong Defence Reserve while William Richard Hillyer and James Jolly have been reassigned from the General Group for Essential Services to the Key-Posts Group.

The marriage took place at St. Michael's Church, Peking, on January 28 of Cecilia Pollock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Pollock of Shanghai, China, to Mr. Mario Prodan, of Peking, China.

A large gathering was present in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel last night when a supper dance was held in celebration of the silver jubilee of the May Hall of the University.



Mr. Chan Shu-kai and his bride, formerly Miss Angella Gockhin, after their marriage at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday afternoon.—(King's Studio).

Britain Fights A Draw
DECISIVE MOVES ELSEWHERE THAN
FROM AIR RAIDS

LONDON.—Recently the British Ministry of Information put out a propaganda movie. It dealt mostly with scenes in London after the Nazi air war in full force began against this capital. writes Raymond Daniel.

Originally it was to have been called "London Can Take It." It was propaganda in the sense that truthful reporting is propaganda for the side the truth favours.

Just before the film was released somebody in authority realised that the time probably would come when other parts of Britain would be called on to show the same kind of fortitude which the East End Cockneys had shown, and therefore the title was changed to "Britain Can Take It."

That was a fortunate change, for since the movie was released all the fury the Nazis have hurled against London has been unleashed in concentrated form upon one after another of the smaller cities of England.

Coventry has had its heart cut out by German bombers. Southampton, Birmingham and Bristol and other ports and industrial centres of Britain have been marked for blotting out by Reich Marshal Hermann Goering's air force in reversion to the usual tactic of concentration on one objective at a time.

GRIM FACT

The war has come late to Britain, and it has been the Nazis themselves who have awakened these patient people to the grim fact that they, too, must kill ruthlessly as well as suffer killings, if their nation and their way of life is to survive.

So long as the Germans were content to paste this capital, there was not much cause for alarm about the outcome. London is a big city and it would take a long time to raze it. After twelve weeks of bombing, London is still like a man who has had a few extractions but is not ready yet for the dentist to make him artificial dentures.

Fewer than 30,000 of London's 8,000,000 population have been killed or injured in the twelve weeks of hard air war. If it went on as it has gone thus far, twelve months of strafing would make little difference in the outcome of the war.

Apparently the Germans saw the futility of trying to break British morale by destroying homes, and ancient landmarks and shifted their tactics, just as they abandoned efforts to put the Royal Air Force out of action by mass attacks on the ports and airports of the Channel coast when the threat of invasion after the fall of France was very real.

PRESENT BOMBING GOALS

Now they have taken a leaf from the British book. They are concentrating their attack on cities and towns of military importance. The British, according to all information here, which naturally filters through official channels, are not wasting bombs on civilians, but are trying to destroy the enemy's oil reserves, shipping concentrations, and aeroplane factories.

Still, it is a commentary on the aim of both sides that, along with pictures published here of devastation caused by British homes by German bombs, there occasionally appears a British picture that shows a similar scene in Berlin or some other German city that has been visited by the bombers of the R.A.F. Britain and Germany are each bombing military objectives, but there is a slight disagreement about definitions.

One of the most alarming symptoms of the effect of this campaign of devastation and destruction that is just beginning to show is the demand for reprisals in kind. That way lies the madness of mass murder. If for every Munich there is to be a

Coventry, and for every Coventry two German cities are to be laid waste by British bombers, by the rule of arithmetical progression there will be nothing left of Europe or Great Britain by the time it is all over.

But human endurance has its limits. Long before that time is reached somebody is going to cry uncle.

ATTRITION NOW

Theoretically it seems possible for Germany by concentrating on one city after another to destroy the British power of resistance. But this is a war of attrition as matters stands now. So long as the British fighter planes can beat off the German mass attacks by daylight and British bombers carry the war to Germany nightly, it is a draw.

This war will not be won in the air. It will be won by sea power plus land power or sea power plus air power. For the moment Germany is supreme on "land" and superior in the air, but Britain has sea power over Germany and Italy combined.

With help from the United States the British hope to achieve supremacy in the air before the totalitarian States can crush them; and the successful resistance of Greece has given renewed hope that a modernised British Army can regain a foothold on the Continent and start revolts against Nazi domination in France, Czechoslovakia, Poland, the Netherlands, Belgium, Norway and Denmark and other countries now under the domination of the swastika.

But it all depends upon the United States, really. If Coventry is laid out and Birmingham crippled by German bombs, it does not make a vital difference in the British war effort, such has been the progress in decentralisation of industry here. Nor is morale impaired seriously. The fire-fighting services, Air Raid Precautions workers and mobile canteens have taken care of that.

OUTPUT ONLY CURBED

These civilian defence services have done remarkable job since the "Blitz" began. The concentrated air attacks have had about the same effect on the productive capacity of the country that a flood in the Ohio River Valley has on the output of the United States, even when Pittsburgh is incapacitated for a fortnight or so.

The attack on British cities is dramatic, but inconclusive. It is that quieter war that is going on at sea, the effort in the conversations between diplomats and economists in Washington, London and Ankara and other capitals that are spelling victory or defeat for the totalitarian and democratic States. It is the question of credits and shipping space that makes all the difference now.

Whether that be true or not, it is a fact that Britain cannot defeat Nazi Germany without even more help from the United States than she is getting now, great as it is.

Unless more is forthcoming and quickly, too, the people of the United States will wake up some day to find that Prime Minister Churchill has made an appeal similar to that of Premier Paul Reynaud last June, just before France fell, and that it is too late for America to do more than just what Great Britain is doing now—fight alone, as the British see it, against a revolutionary nation bent on domination of the world.

PAST WEEK OF CONFUSION: VOICE OF HITLER HEARD IN THE FAR EAST

The past week was described as one of vast confusion, with the rumours of war almost driving the fear one off the pages of newspapers, by PROFESSOR ARTHUR NEWALL, the prominent American commentator, when he broadcast in London yesterday.

Bulgaria, said Prof. Newall, was exhorting on every side and seemed to be standing paralysed, while the leaders of Yugoslavia had gone on the well-trodden path to Berchtesgaden to have a talk with Herr Hitler. At the other end of the Mediterranean, there was General Franco and one could only guess why he made the journey and what was really discussed between him and Marshal Petain and Signor Mussolini.

TROUBLE BREWING

Then there was Japan where something was brewing. Admiral Nomura, the new Japanese Ambassador, bowed and smiled in Washington when he presented his credentials to President Roosevelt, giving the soothing assurance that he was resolved to do all he could to bring about an understanding between the two nations, but Mr. Roosevelt could also smile.

At the Press conference immediately before, Mr. Roosevelt said that war in the Pacific, if it should come, would not curtail American aid to Britain. Prof. Newall said he regarded the statement as the most pregnant that had issued from the White House.

SIGNIFICANT WARNINGS

In Australia there had been significant warnings issued by the Acting Prime Minister and Mr. Curtin, the Labour leader and in all the Far East situation the hand was the hand of Japan, but the voice was clearly the voice of Hitler.

Americans had not failed to observe that in all these rumblings, the Japanese had made no mention of the Philippines. So Japan warily walks her tight rope. On the one hand, not seeking to arouse the displeasure of the Nazis and

on the other, of walking into an unwanted war.

Speaking of invasion, Prof. Newall said that this was the hardy perennial of all rumours and the invaders would meet with such a reception that it would mean the beginning of Herr Hitler's end. A high ranking British official had told an American correspondent that instead of being invaded, Britain would do the invading in France herself.

U. S. UNANIMITY

There was complete unanimity in the American Press that Mr. Churchill's speech was the very tonic. The American Press had become lyrical over it.

Mr. Wendell Willkie, fresh from his visit to England, had filled the centre of the page. His testimony before the crowded Senate hearing clinched all the arguments. Then, on Lincoln's birthday, Mr. Willkie met the old and young leaders of his Party and conquered them by his sincerity. Everything pointed to Mr. Roosevelt backing Mr. Willkie's demands for immediate aid and the rounding up of merchant ships had already started.

There were at present 35 Danish, 37 Italian, 14 French and one German ship in American ports and something would have to be done about them.

When the Lease and Lend Bill was passed, said Prof. Newall, \$125,000,000 worth of supplies would be going over and this would talk as no other language could, not even a Senator's speech.

"I have said it often before, and I still say it, that Britain is the centre of this war. Spread the war wherever you will, Herr Hitler's roving eye will come back to Britain in angered frustration," concluded the speaker.

Industrial Targets In Ruhr Hit

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—It is learned in London that the R.A.F. last night made a heavy attack on industrial targets in the western Ruhr.

The Channel ports were also bombed. Oil installations were set on fire and much damage was inflicted on Rotterdam and Calais. Enemy activity during the night has been reported from many parts of the country.

Bombs were dropped at a number of points, mainly in North and East England, in the London area, and in one district in North-East Scotland, but no important attack developed anywhere.

The total damage was slight. Three enemy bombers were destroyed in the raids.

JUNKERS DOWNED

One Junkers' bomber was shot down over England yesterday morning. The raider was damaged by A.A. fire and could be seen all the way across the Channel, states a London message. Four Messerschmitts came out to escort the damaged bomber home.

Another enemy bomber met with heavy gunfire when it appeared over London and turned and disappeared.

During yesterday morning's raid one bomb fell on a school in the London area and another demolished two houses.

German planes also appeared over the east of England. (Special)

Big Aerial Fireworks Display

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The south-east coast of Britain was a grandstand last night for the greatest aerial fireworks display of the war over the French coast. Soldiers, sailors and civilians lined the promenades and cheered as terrific sheets of flames engulfed the French coast along a 20-mile front.

Boulogne was subjected to a bombardment of nightmare proportions which is continuing with full severity after it had been in progress for an hour.

Violent explosions rolled across the calm sea in an unbroken rumble as British bombers dropped hundreds of bombs on the invasion ports and gun emplacements.

NEW DECREE IN RUMANIA

A new decree by General Antonescu cancels a previous decree which made Rumania a legation or Iron Guard State, states a London message.

Political activities of any kind are forbidden. Black-out has been extended to the whole country. (Special)

British Government's View Of Present Situation In Bulgaria

SOFIA, FEB. 16 (REUTER).—THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S VIEW OF THE PRESENT SITUATION IN BULGARIA WAS REITERATED BY MR. GEORGE BENDEL, the British Minister, in an hour's interview with M. Popoff, Bulgarian Foreign Minister, on Friday night.

It had long been clear that should German troops occupy Bulgaria or use it as a base against Greece the British would break off diplomatic relations with Sofia and take whatever steps might be necessary.

In diplomatic circles here, it is said that the newly mobilised Bulgarian troops are being sent to the only frontier where Bulgaria is not threatened, namely, Turkish. This, on the face of it, would appear to be a move in favour of Germany.

Meanwhile, there appears to be no doubt that German preparations here are almost complete. Bridges have been mined, food supplies organised and barracks prepared. The Germans already have made appalling inroads into the nation's food supplies.

QUIETLY CALLED

Various Bulgarian classes are being quietly called up for training and a number of buildings requisitioned. This step is described in local political circles as purely a defensive measure against attack from any quarters.

The mobilisation of a division stationed at Sofia has caused some dislocation in local business and tension in the capital remains high. Although for the moment there are no uniformed German troops in Bulgaria and no confirmation by responsible circles of the arrival of German warplanes on Bulgarian aerodromes, preparations for the blow appear to be practically complete.

While German preparations are being completed in Bulgaria some 30 German divisions, reported here to total over 600,000 men, are in control of Rumania.

German aircraft in Rumania, which until recently have been mainly fighters, have been reinforced by formations of heavy bombers and troops carriers in the past few days. The most conservative estimates place the number of German machines now in the country at 450 distributed throughout Rumania but there have been movements towards the eastern and southern frontiers.

On the Yugoslav frontier at present there are only three German divisions but on the Russo-Rumanian frontier barracks were being taken over by German troops all last week.

Other German troops were massed at Constantza where troopships are lying with steam up. Large quantities of material are also being brought to Danube ports along the Bulgarian boundary.

LINE OF TRANSPORTS
New Austrian mountain troops were still arriving at Bucharest on Friday and Reuter's Special correspondent saw from the air an interminable line of transports moving south.

Rumanian hospitals have been taken over by German medical staffs and it is stated that schools would shortly be requisitioned as military hospitals.

Large quantities of Rumanian oil are arriving at Varna while Rumanian oil is being rushed to Gurgiu.

JAPANESE TROOP CONCENTRATIONS IN SOUTHERN PACIFIC

CHUNGKING, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—Japanese troop concentrations in Southern Pacific are reported by the Chinese official CENTRAL DAILY NEWS as follows:

Japanese troops concentrated for the Southern Pacific portion are at present massed at Hainan Island, Canton, Waichow Island, Spratly Islands and French Indo-China.

There are two divisions stationed at Canton comprising units belonging to the 18th, 14th and 38th divisions. On Hainan Island are units belonging to the Imperial Guards, 28th and 11th divisions.

At Haiphong and Hanoi are units belonging to the Imperial Guards and 28th divisions. Part of these units will be used for the eventual occupation of Saigon as well as Campan Bay.

FOUR DIVISIONS

These units are under the command of the Japanese South China Command. There are approximately four Japanese divisions at present concentrated in Formosa. Besides two newly organised divisions, it is stated one division was transferred at the end of last October from Manchuria to Formosa while a fifth division was transferred early in last November from Kwangsi to Formosa, via Haiphong. The fifth division completed reorganisation early last month of January. The Formosa divisions are not under the South China Command but are receiving orders direct from the Tokyo Imperial General Staff.

EFFORTS OF NOMURA TO PRESERVE PEACE

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developments of note has not, in any way, relaxed the tension.

It is well-known, adds the message, that Germany is striving, with all her wiles, cunning and propaganda, to create the impression in Japan that she must inevitably be involved in the war for her own security.

Official circles in Britain, in discussing the position in the Pacific, point out that in the event of war, one-third of Japan's merchant fleet will be held up in British and American ports.

This would seriously affect Japan's economic position and would check the stream which brings her foreign exchange, without which Japan would be economically helpless.

It is, of course, recognised that Japan will have economic advantages through an occupation of Indo-China, but it is emphasised that she is going to experience considerable difficulty in preparing a new army for such developments, in addition to having to maintain garrisons in Manchuria, and occupied China.

Australia will have a good friend in China for the defence of the Pacific, states another message from Sydney. Members of the Chinese Government have reiterated their desire to help Britain in every possible way and that Anglo-Chinese accord had been strengthened by the democratic diplomats in Chungking.

CERTAIN REALITIES
"There are certain realities which Australia has to face," said the Australian Minister for External Affairs yesterday.

"It is true that a nation, with whom, by all the rules of neutrality and geographical association, we ought to be on terms of friendship, has associated itself in a military alliance with the enemy. Without, however, weakening our desire for peace, Australia had to look upon this with suspicion."

Mr. P. C. Spender, Australia's War Minister, announced a special training this month for radio mechanics, gunners and other technical workers.

U. S. PACIFIC BASES
In the meantime, a report from the United States, quoted in a message from Sydney, stated that the Naval Committee of the House of Representatives had approved a programme of over \$180,000,000 for strengthening American bases in the Pacific.

On the recommendation of Admiral Stark, \$600,000 was approved for the establishment of an air base at Guam.

Another message from New York, quoted in a report from Sydney, declared that American production of planes was 1,000 last month and that it was hoped to increase this by 60 per cent. next month. (Special)

Australian Minister Sounds A Warning
SYDNEY, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—Sir Frederick Stewart, Australian Minister of External Affairs, declared yesterday: "We should be deluding ourselves if we fail to appreciate the realities of the present position."

"It is unfortunately true that a nation, with whom by all the rules of mutual interest and geographical association—to say nothing of the traditions of past friendship—we should be on harmonious terms has associated itself in a military alliance with our enemies."

More Greek Successes Recorded

ATHENS, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—More Greek successes in local engagements were recorded by the Greek High Command in a communique issued last night.

It says that the Italians were dislodged from strongly organised positions. The Greeks took another 300 prisoners including many officers, and also captured a great deal of war material.

OPEN TOWN
One of the most notable results of this operation is the advance between Tepelini and Kilsura. The former town is still in Italian hands, but the result of this advance has left it an open town some six miles behind the Greek lines and its fall cannot be long delayed, states a London message.

Stories told by Italian prisoners illustrate the complete failure of General Cavallero's plans. (Special)

Peyroutin Resigns

M. Peyroutin, Vichy Minister of the Interior, has resigned and is to be appointed Ambassador to Argentina, states a London message. Admiral Darlan has taken over the Interior Ministry as well as the Foreign and Navy.

A number of reports, not confirmed in Vichy, state that the new appointment will not be permanent and further cabinet changes are to be expected. (Special)

The Latest Communique

The latest communique from Cairo, according to a London message, states:—

ABYSSINIA—British forces have occupied the port of Kermok, 120 miles south of Gala-bat.

ERITREA—While the advance of northern column continues concentration of troops about Keren proceeding satisfactorily.

ITALIAN SOMALILAND—Operations continue for the development of the British success at Kismayu. (Special)

AN "ORDER OF ARCHITECTS"

Having fully completed the reorganisation of the medical profession in France, the French Government has now turned to the architectural profession, which is to be transformed into an "order of architects," based on the corporate principle.

The architectural profession has been completely free up till now and a number of so-called architects took advantage of this situation to place the initials of various architectural societies beside their names although completely devoid of any technical knowledge.

SUPERIOR COUNCIL

A decree published provides for the creation of a Superior Council of twelve members in the order of architects. The members will be appointed by the Secretary of State for Education. Later, appointments will be made by vote, with only the Chairman named by the French Government.

Portuguese Military Mission For U.K.

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—A Portuguese Military Mission of seven officers is expected to arrive in England at the invitation of the British Government.

They will study the progress of the British war effort and observe at first hand the working of the air defence of the United Kingdom, particularly London, it was learned in official circles yesterday.

ACTIVITIES OF BRITISH NAVY: DECREASE IN SHIPPING LOSSES

"It is much too early to think that we have got the better of the U-boat menace. In a struggle like this, the results of a few weeks might be most misleading," said a well-known naval correspondent, when he broadcast from London yesterday on the naval situation in the present war and referred to the decrease in Britain's shipping losses in recent weeks.

The speaker referred to the activities of the British navy in the battle they were waging against Nazi U-boats and surface raiders who were doing their best to enforce the blockade of Britain.

A THIN TIME

"For some time now the enemy craft have had a rather thin time," he said. "Since they sank 100,000 tons of our shipping over six weeks ago, for the four weeks in January they have only been able to sink no more than 34,000 tons of our shipping a week."

"In the second week of December, the enemy sank more than 100,000 tons of British, allied and neutral ships. Since then the figures have been much lower. But even the large figure of last December will not satisfy Herr Hitler's desire. He wants the war against our shipping to reach 600,000 tons a month, if he is to cripple it in the few short months which he thinks the war will last. Herr Hitler ordered his U-boats to exceed sinkings by twice as much as the Kaiser's U-boats did 23 years ago."

SILLY AND FOOLISH

"At that time our anti-submarine methods were primitive and it was silly and foolish of the Fuehrer to think he could do so

ADVICE TO BRITONS TO LEAVE

SHANGHAI, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—Following the American Consulate advice on Feb. 13 for the evacuation of non-essential Americans, the British Embassy is issuing a notice tomorrow renewing the advice of last October that British subjects, who have no good reason for remaining, should consider the advisability of leaving occupied China.

The notice states it will almost certainly be impossible to provide special facilities for the departure.

Thai Public Urged To Keep Calm

BANGKOK, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—In a communique apropos the Far Eastern situation and rumours Thailand may be drawn therein, the Thai Government believes no development has occurred tending to involve Thailand in any possible conflict and the general public is urged to remain calm and confident to pursue normal activities in accordance with the programme of national reconstruction.

The Government "assures safety and glory." The Government also assures the public to devote their best efforts to keep the country out of any international tangle.

NO TRUTH

The Thailand Broadcasting Station declares there is no truth whatever in a foreign radio station statement that Thailand is now negotiating with Japan with the view of a grant to use her naval bases to Japan in the event of an attack on Singapore.

It adds Japan has never alluded to this subject in any talks with Thailand.

Raw Cotton Shipments To China

NEW DELHI, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The 1939-1940 raw cotton shipments to China were \$5,010,000 compared with last year \$282,000, shipments of gunnysacks \$1,350,000 and cloth \$37,000; imports from China were \$1,957,000 compared with \$1,297,000 and exports \$2,382,000 compared with \$1,350,000. The improvement under exports is largely cotton piecegoods and also twist yarn, while imports of raw silk rose by \$75,000 and silk piecegoods to \$15,000.

A limewasher, Chan Tak, 23, was admitted to Queen Mary Hospital yesterday suffering abrasions sustained when he fell down a scaffolding while on a repair job at the Yaumati Ferry Wharf.

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GAMBLERS TO BE BANISHED

Described as promoters of gambling going on in a house in Duxton Road, when the police raided the place on Jan. 27, Tin Lee and Kin Chun, alias Tai Choon, were convicted by Mr. J. G. Rappoport, the Third Magistrate, Singapore, on a charge of having assisted in the management of a common gaming house, and were fined \$200, or, in default, 12 weeks' rigorous imprisonment each. They were also recommended for banishment or repatriation.

When the men came up for sentence, after having pleaded guilty, Inspector Cheah Teng Cheok, who conducted the raid, said that Duxton Road was a habitual gambling place and that it was a very difficult place to raid.

Pressing for a heavy sentence, Inspector Cheah said that Tin Lee had been arrested several times for gambling, while Kin Chun had a previous conviction for assisting in a common gaming house.

The men were sentenced as stated.

13 HIS LUCKY NUMBER

SEATTLE.—Thirteen unlucky? Let C. W. Johnson tell you about it.

Four years ago on October 13, with 13 shells in his pockets, and carrying a hunting licence beginning with 13, Johnson started out on his 13th hunting season. His automobile bore licence A-1313. He got his truck and, yes—there were 13 points on the horns.

That was four years ago. On October 13, 1940, Johnson again went hunting. His hunting licence ended with 13—A-1213. His car still had the same licence—A-1313. And he got his truck again—not with 13 points, however, but it was still a number proof the supposedly unlucky number holds no jinx over him.

Still not convinced? Well, his hunting dog's licence is No. 13.

H.K. VOLUNTEER ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

(CONTINUED FROM SATURDAY)

AT CENTRAL

No. 4 Company.—Sun, Feb. 16, Kowloon B Range, 8.45 a.m. Those detailed: Rifle Tables A and B, Dress—S.D. cap, shirt, cardigan, boots, trousers, musketry order. Mon, Feb. 17, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s Course as detailed. Remainder, Company training as programme. Wed, Feb. 19, H.Q. 8.15 a.m. Half Day Training. Dress—as before but no waterbottles or haversacks. Fri, Feb. 21, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s course as detailed. Sgt's promotion examination as detailed; remainder, Company training as programme.

No. 5 Company.—Sun, Feb. 16, Kowloon City Range A, 9 a.m. All those not yet fired Table B. Dress—S.D. cap, shirt, cardigan, trousers, boots and webbing equipment. Range Officer—2/Lt. J. J. Gutierrez. Mon, Feb. 17 and Tues, Feb. 18, No parade.

No. 7 Company.—Mon, Feb. 17, H.Q. 5.15 p.m. L.C., training. I.A. Nos. 1 and 2. Tues, Feb. 18 and Thurs, Feb. 20, N.C.O.'s training. Cadre. Those detailed: Fri, Feb. 21, H.Q. 8.30 a.m. Half day training. Dress—Fight order, cardigan, S.D. cap. Sun, Feb. 23, Stonecutters, L.G. Table C. Recruit Table D. Dress—Muti. Equipment must be worn. Lunch leaves. Queen's Pier 8.15 a.m. Kowloon Police Pier 8.25 a.m. Range Officer—2/Lt. F. G. Nigel.

Army Service Corps Company.—Sun, Feb. 16—Sat, Feb. 22 (incl.) Transport and Supplies Sections on duty as detailed under Company arrangements. Dress—K.D. jacket, S.D. cap, trousers, belt, black boots. Duty Officer—Capt. A. H. Potts. Sun, Feb. 16, H.Q. 9 a.m. Transport and Supplies Sections including Reserves. Company inspection, photograph and Camp Party, etc. Dress—S.D. cap, jacket, shorts, hose, puttees, boots, belt. Greatcoat if necessary. Tues, Feb. 18, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. L.G. instruction Class. Those detailed: Dress—as arranged. Thurs, Feb. 20, Mechanical instructions. Transport Section, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Dress—Muti. Squad drill with rifles. Those detailed—H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Dress as before.

Field Ambulance.—Wed, Feb. 19, 2 p.m.—10 p.m. N.C.O.'s Class. Dress—S.D. cap, jacket, trousers, boots and belt. Greatcoat and cardigan optional. Pencils and note books will be brought.

Pay Section.—Fri, Feb. 21, H.Q. 2.30 p.m. Dress—Muti, web belt and frog to be brought. Overalls and rifles will be drawn. Duty Officer—2/Lt. R. J. Shrigley.

Fortress Signal Company.—Tues, Feb. 18, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. L.G. Revision as detailed. Thurs, Feb. 20, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. L.G. Revision as detailed.

Corps Orders Amendment

Corps Orders No. 7/41 dated 7.2.41. Para. 9—Leave. Pte. E. A. V. Remondos for period "12.41-14.12.41" read "12.41-14.2.41". Para. 8—Transfer. Delete the transfer of Spr. W. D. Ramsay.

Transfers

Pte. J. Volgin, Mob. Coln. to Unit Res. 12.41; Pte. F. Silva, No. 3 Coy. to Fd. Amb. 12.41; Cpl. P. Cullen, A.S.C. Coy. to Fd. Coy. Enns. No. 4 Section, 14.2.41.

Leave

Pte. Li Luen-fun, No. 4 Coy., 23.1.41-13.41; Pte. M. P. Alarcon, No. 5 Coy., 23.1.41-9.4.41; Pte. T. G. C. Knight, No. 1 Coy., 3.2.41-31.3.41; L/Cpl. C. A. Marques, No. 5 Coy., 4.2.41-28.2.41; Pte. G. B. S. Thompson, No. 2 Coy., 6.2.41-5.3.41; L/Cpl. A. d'Amico, No. 6 Coy., 10.2.41-9.3.41; Cnr. B. Herschend, 2nd Bty., 11.2.41-10.3.41; Pte. D. L. de Aguiar, No. 6 Coy., 12.2.41-11.3.41; Pte. F. A. Santos, Fd. Amb., 13.2.41-24.2.41; Pte. D. L. Pecoral, Mob. Coln., 14.2.41-25.2.41; A/L/Cpl. W. E. Eu, Corps Signals, 15.2.41-25.2.41; Pte. P. L. Morpheu, A.S.C. Coy., 15.2.41-6.3.41; Sgt. J. W. Hudson, Stanley Pl., 1.3.41-20.8.41; Cnr. N. H. France, 2nd Bty., 8.2.41-21.2.41; L/Bdr. W. G. Long, 2nd Bty., 20.3.41-9.4.41; Lt.-Col. E. J. R. Mitchell, Corps H.Q., 2.4.41-22.7.41. The following leave is cancelled—A/L/Cpl. V. G. Stott, No. 7 Coy., 10.2.41-3.4.41.

Strength-Increase

Gnr. A. M. Abbas, 4th Bty., 6.11.40; Pte. E. J. Todd, Mob. Coln., 1.12.40; Pte. Williams, E.S., training Cadre, 15.11.40; Pte. E. L. Lyssaght, Stanley Pl., 31.1.41; Pte. G. H. Brett, Mob. Coln., Res., 4.2.41; Pte. R. C. Carr, Mob. Coln., 4.2.41; Pte. R. C. Stewart, No. 2 Coy., 6.2.41; Pte. G. R. Horridge, No. 1 Coy., 1.2.41; Pte. Soadd Mohamed, A.S.C. Coy., 31.1.41.

Strength-Increase

Pte. C. J. Norman, Special Gd. Coy., 7.2.41; Pte. Leung Yiu-fai, No. 4 Coy., 7.2.41; Pte. Wong Hek, No. 4 Coy., 7.2.41; Pte. S. Ampalavanar, Fd. Amb., 7.2.41; Pte. Chan Chok-po, Fd. Amb., 7.2.41; Pte. Chan Suk-lun, Fd. Amb., 7.2.41; Pte. Chow Cham-leung, Fd. Amb., 7.2.41; Pte. Pang Shing-ang, Fd. Amb., 7.2.41; Pte. Benjamin Lee, Fd. Amb., 7.2.41; Pte. Lee Chi-nam, Fd. Amb., 7.2.41; Pte. Lo Shi-wing, Fd. Amb., 7.2.41; Pte. Ngan Poon-lap, Fd. Amb., 7.2.41; Pte. Tam Kwong-ling, Fd. Amb., 7.2.41; Spr. Ip King, R.O.D. Cadre, 12.2.41; Spr. Li Tung, R.O.D. Cadre, 12.2.41; Spr. Wong

AT CENTRAL

JAPANESE FINED

Charged with breach of the Defence Regulations by being in possession of a code or cypher without permission of the Governor on Feb. 7, Kuroshi Yalta, 29, described as an electro-chemical engineer attached to the Japanese Military Authorities, appeared on remand before Mr. Lowry on Saturday, when an additional charge of giving false information to the Gloucester Hotel was preferred against him.

Defendant pleaded guilty to both charges.

Det.-Sgt. Mann of S. B. stated the code book was found in defendant's room in Gloucester Hotel when a search was made on Feb. 7. The Police took a serious view of the case, because the book was a most unusual one and defendant was not a commercial man. Defendant had stated that the code was only used by him in his business between Canton and Macao, and so far as the Police knew, defendant had not used it in Hongkong.

Sgt. Mann added that Yalta had taken a Chinese woman to the Hotel and had registered her as his wife, whereas in fact, she was not.

In imposing fines of \$500 on the first charge and \$20 or 21 days' imprisonment on the second charge, Mr. Lowry remarked that defendant had committed a gross breach of the regulations.

INTIMIDATION CASE DISMISSED

"Here I have the evidence of three parties none of whom can be regarded as entirely disinterested and whose evidence is not in every respect satisfactory and is in some respects scarcely credible. And that being so, I cannot find that the case against one or other of the defendants has been proved beyond reasonable doubt," said Mr. Lowry in the course of a written judgment delivered by him on Saturday in the case in which two men were charged with conspiring to threaten the complainant in a civil action with personal injury so as to cause him to omit to prosecute his action.

The defendants were Wong Hing-fong and Cheung Kung-hop who were represented by Mr. Hin Shing-lo and Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ, respectively.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the complainant, Tang King-wan, who alleged that on divers dates he was approached by the accused not to take any action against the first defendant in the Supreme Court.

The second defendant was also charged with demanding, with menaces, \$200 from the complainant. This charge was also dismissed by his Worship.

STOLE FROM CAR

Sentence of three weeks' hard labour was imposed on Lau Mun, 38, unemployed, by Mr. Lowry on Saturday for stealing a tin of Mac's Cleaner from car No. 1688, parked in the Hongkong Bank car park. Sub-Insp. F. W. Fowle, prosecuted.

ALLEGED STOWAWAY

REMANDED

Bernard Claussen, 29, of Holland, was charged before Mr. Sheldon on Saturday with being a stowaway.

He was alleged to have been found on board the steamer Lyeem, between Saigon and Hongkong on Feb. 14.

Defendant was remanded to tomorrow for further enquiries.

BURGLAR-CAOLED

Charged with breaking into No. 23, Peel Street, ground floor, on Feb. 14 and stealing five pieces of cotton clothing, a pair of spectacles, a cigarette holder and \$1.01, Yuen Shing, 24, unemployed, appeared before Mr. Sheldon on Saturday.

Kwong Li, 31, unemployed, was charged with receiving stolen property.

Prosecuting, Det.-Sgt. J. T. Sykes said that first defendant entered the house by breaking open a window. After the burglary, the two were stopped by an European policeman and admitted stealing the articles, of which they were in possession.

Kwong, R.O.D. Cadre, 12.2.41; Gnr. G. Harrop, 2nd Bty., 7.2.41.

Appointments

Cpl. J. T. Lacey, No. 1 Coy., to be O.Q.M.S., 14.2.41; Pte. A. Bower, No. 1 Coy., to be L/Cpl., 14.2.41; Gnr. H. Corra, 2nd Bty., to be L/Bdr., 14.2.41; Gnr. O. E. C. Marton, 2nd Bty., to be L/Bdr., 14.2.41.

LIT FIRE AT NAVAL BASE

BASE

Because he lighted a fire in the Naval Base dockyard, Tay Swee Sang, 23, was fined \$15 or, in default, three weeks' rigorous imprisonment, by Mr. J. G. Rappoport, the Third Magistrate, Singapore.

When charged with lighting a fire in an unauthorised place in the Naval Base, Tay pleaded guilty saying that he did so to boil some water. He used a kerosene oil tin placed on six bricks to boil the water.

Inspector J. A. Embury, prosecuting, said that lighting fires in unauthorised places in the Naval Base was a dangerous practice and that this particular fire was seen by a European.

GET AUTHORITY

Mr. Tyrer of the Naval Base Police force said that if workmen wanted to light fires, they had to get the authority of the captain of the dockyard first.

He also said that the place where the fire was lit was 40 yards from the gate, inside the dockyard. At that spot, there were some attap and a lot of shavings and that two pieces of wood, which were used to light the fire, had their ends resting on some shavings. "If the wood had burned down to its ends," said Mr. Tyrer, "the shavings would have been set alight and a big fire would have resulted."

THE ETERNAL FEMININE

When a piercing shriek of "Oh my God!" broke off a matter-of-fact telephone conversation between Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Segal, the husband, terrified by the ensuing silence, called the police.

Fifteen police, armed with shotguns, sped to the house and found an unconscious woman beside a dangling telephone.

Revived, Mrs. Segal gasped: "He's still here in the house. He may be under a bed, or maybe in a closet. But he's still here. He ran right up to me."

"What did he look like?" interrupted Sergeant McBride. "Why, he looked like—like any other mouse, I guess—only more so."

Accused was remanded until Monday and granted \$300 bail.

SILK STORE THEFT

Four months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. Himsforth on Saturday on Wong Kin, for stealing a quantity of clothings from Dayaram's Silk Store at No. 5, Hankow Road and for possession of instruments fit for unlawful purposes.

Det.-Sgt. A. Bethell, prosecuting, said that defendant was seen carrying a parcel containing five trousers, a coat, jacket, 11 towels and 7½ dozens of pull-overs. He was questioned and admitted that the things had been stolen. A jemmy and a saw were also found in his possession.

WOMEN SHOPLIFTERS

Four alleged women shoplifters, Chong Lin, 22, Or Yik, 17, a 14-year-old girl and a 10-year-old girl, who were charged with larceny of various articles from shops at Nathan Road, were again remanded when they appeared before Mr. Himsforth on Saturday.

After further evidence, Mr. Percy Chen, appearing for defendants submitted that defendants had no case to answer in regard to the theft of a table fur and a pair of shoes. The charge of larceny of the fur was withdrawn.

LARCENY OF TRICYCLES

Three persons of a well-organised gang who had been carrying out systematic larceny of tricycles at Kowloon were arrested and charged before Mr. Himsforth on Saturday.

Accused were Lo Chung, 26, Chan Hong, 25, and Wong Wan, 38.

First defendant was sentenced to nine months' hard labour; second accused was given four months while last accused was gaol'd eight months.

Det.-Sgt. A. Shaw, prosecuted.

TRAINING CADRE

"There will be no parade of the H.K.V.D.C. Training Cadre and Company on Monday and Tuesday, 17 and 18 February, 1941."

Malaya's Defence Must Be Totally Complete

Replying to criticisms raised in the Singapore Legislative Council by the Unofficials, Mr. H. Weisberg, the Financial Secretary, said that his prompt duty was to ensure that the defence of Malaya was made as complete as possible, and that the proceeds of the war taxation were to be devoted to this purpose in the first instance. He asked members to consider the purpose of that bill in that light.

He wished to thank the members for their comments on the bill, both favourable and critical. It must be a source of satisfaction to many and he would like to be able to say to all that it was now generally recognised that the maximum contribution this country could make to the successful prosecution of the war could only be attained with the aid of direct taxation. The only point which appeared to be open to argument was whether the present bill met the need.

FAMILY ALLOWANCES

Regarding the question of family allowances, the speaker said that the Committee gave its reasons for its omission, and he might repeat that the high exemption limit of \$4,800 a year and the lower initial rates on the tax were such that there would be no real hardship. He fully endorsed the Committee's views on that point.

He would propose that when the bill became operative, a Standing Committee with an unofficial majority could be appointed to see and consider the report on the working of the bill, and to recommend in due course what form of legislation should be brought in next year.

It seemed to him that it was too much to state that the bill was provided for one year only. He expressed his gratitude to all Unofficial members for having given their valuable time in studying the details of the bill.

THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature yesterday was 62 and the minimum 59. Total rainfall since Jan. 1 is 6.97 inches against an average of 2.13. The Royal Observatory report states:—A moderate anticyclone covers China, Manchuria, Korea, Japan and the adjacent seas. It is moving slowly eastward.

ONE-MAN FIRM

The idea underlying the bill and the scheme was that the tax was imposed on the unit, that was to say, the individual, the company, the partnership, firm or association.

He thought it was fair to state that, generally speaking, when two or more persons combined to do business and to pool their resources, they were likely to obtain a proportionately greater return of their capital than the individual carrying on business single-handed.

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

FEBRUARY 15, 1941.

On London:	102 1/2
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months' sight	
On Shanghai:	42 1/2
On demand	42 1/2
On Singapore:	52 3/4
On demand	52 3/4
On Japan:	102 1/2
On demand	102 1/2
On India:	82 1/2
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 7/8	
and demand	82 1/2
On New York:	24 1/4
Bank Bills, on demand 24	
Credits, 60 days' sight 24 3/4	
On Batavia:	45
On demand	45
On Paris:	48
On demand	48
On Bangkok:	148 1/2
On demand	148 1/2
On Sterling Notes:	23 1/4
Bank Buying Rate ... Now.	
Bar Silver per oz.	23 1/4

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.
February 15.
The price for Ready Silver dropped 1/16 yesterday to 23 1/4, but the Forward rate was unchanged at 23 1/4. Silver prices were steady but quiet. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.
The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York-London was quoted at 403-1/4.

MARKET
Quiet. U.S. Dollars were steady.
STERLING
There were sellers at 1/3 Feb. April, buyers at 1/3-1/32 for Cash.
U. S. DOLLARS
Sellers at 24 5/16, buyers at 24-7/16 for Cash.
SHANGHAI DOLLARS
Opened with sellers at 438. Business was arranged at various rates. The market closed with sellers at 434 for Spot.

SHANGHAI MARKET
Sterling opened with sellers at 3 13/32. Last advice indicated sellers at 3 7/16 for Spot. U.S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5 17/32 and last advice indicated sellers at 5 19/32 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Feb. 15 (Reuters).

Sterling	
Spot	0/3-13/32
Feb.	0/3-13/32
Mar.	0/3-25/64
U.S. Dollars	
Spot	\$5-17/32
Feb.	5-17/32
Mar.	5-1/2
Market:	Steady.
Silver Duty Rate	
The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.	
The Equalisation rate was 23-1/4 per cent.	

Calcutta Exchange
Calcutta, Feb. 15 (Reuters).
T.T. on Japan, 81-1/4.

India-Rupce Paper
Bombay, Feb. 15 (Reuters).
Govt. 3 1/2% Rupee, 95-06-0.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Saturday, Feb. 15, 1941.

SALES		
China Lights (O.)	500	\$8.20
	500	6.20
	424	6.20
H.K. Lands C.D.	200	34.25
Douglases	100	125.00
	1724	
The total value is	\$28,178.80.	

The standard prices for Lipton's Yellow Label No. 1 tea are notified as follows:—1 lb. tin \$2.49, 1 lb. tin \$1.28, 1 lb. tin 68 cents.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET (REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, Feb. 15, 1941

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
New York Cotton, March	10.25	10.18	10.24	10.18	.06 off
New York Rubber, March	20.32	20.21	20.50	20.25	.25 off
Chicago Wheat, May	79 1/2	79	79 1/2	79	1/2 off
Chicago Corn, May	61	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	1/2 off
New York Hides, March	12.72	12.58	12.60	12.72	12 up

NEW YORK COTTON
March 10.24/25 10.25/25 10.18/18 .06 off
May 10.21/21 10.21/20 10.14/15 .07 off
July 10.09/07 10.06/07 10.00/01 .08 off
October 9.59/59 9.59/58 9.54 N .05 off
December 9.57/57 9.57/57 9.52/52 .05 off
January 9.55 N 9.54b 9.50 N .05 off
Spot 10.77 10.69 .08 off

Total sales Friday—133,100 bales.
The first notice day for March Cotton is 25/2/41 and last day is 14/3/41.

NEW YORK RUBBER
March 20.50/50 20.31/32 20.25/25 .25 off
May 20.40/40 20.10b/30a 20.11 B .29 off
July (New contract) 20.00/00 19.95/20.00 19.70/70 .30 off
September 19.73/75 unquoted 19.45 N .28 off

Total sales—240 tons

CHICAGO WHEAT
May 79 1/2/79 79 1/2/79 79 1/2/79 1/2 off
July 74 1/4/74 74 1/4/74 73 3/4/73 1/2 off
September 74 1/4/74 74 1/4/74 74 1/4/74 1/2 off

Friday's sales—9,163,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN
May 60 1/2/60 60 1/2/60 60 1/2/60 1/2 off
July 60 1/2/60 60 1/2/60 60 1/2/60 1/2 off
September 60 1/2/60 60 1/2/60 59 1/2/59 1/2 off

NEW YORK HIDES
March 12.60/60 12.58/62 12.72/72 .12 up
June 12.47/50 12.52/55 12.60/63 .13 up

Total sales for the day—88 contracts.

NEW YORK COCOA
March 5.53 N 5.47b/60a 5.54 N .01 up
May 5.62 N 5.50/60 5.63 N .01 up

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3
March 2.04b/05a 2.03b/04a .01 off
May 2.08b/09a 2.08b/09a unch.

Volume of business done—54 lots

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4
March 67b/67a 66/66 66b/66a .01 off
May 71b/71a 70b/70a 70b/70a .01 off

Volume of business done—105 lots

The first notice day for March is 17/2 and last day is 28/2.

NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES
March 11.50b/54a 11.45b/55a 11.49b/54a .01 off
July 11.30b/40a 11.25b/37a 11.30b/40a unch.
N.Y. Official Silver 34-3/4 unquoted.
N.Y.-London Cross Rate 4.03-1/4

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE (REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, Feb. 14.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red, after 1952)	103 1/2
Defence Loan, 3%	101 1/2
Antion-Klown Rly. 5%	13
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue)	44
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925/41	42 to 47
Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	45
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912	28
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	34
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	10
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan	47
Ionian Rly. 5%	16
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue)	15
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	13
Lung Tsing & U. Hai Rly. 5% 1913	14
S'hai-N'King Rly. 5%	16
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	15
Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1924	20 1/2-24
Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924	33
Chartered Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	7 1/2
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	70
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Reg.)	77
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	18 1/2
Chosen Corporation	4 1/2
Mercantile Bank of India, 2 1/2% "G"	11-1/8
Pekin Syndicate	1/8
S'hai Elec. Conrtr. Co.	15 1/2
S'hai Waterworks "A"	13-1/2

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Feb. 14 (Reuters).

Tin, Standard, Cash, Middle Price, £283-3/4.
Tin, Standard, Cash, Middle Price, £282-3/4.
Far-Eastern gossip has induced consumer and speculative buying. Virtually, there are no straits but some believe that an interruption of American entering supplies might indirectly reduce Britain's. The establishment of an unusual spot premium reflects the stringency of near stocks. After hours, the market was firm and active. Eighty-five tons were sold at between £284 and £283.

SILVER MARKET BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, Feb. 15 (Reuters).
Market—Steady. Offtake 75 bars.
Indian Mint Silver
Ready Feb. 21 Settlement 63-04
Feb. 21 Settlement 63-03
Mar. 25 Settlement 63-01

LOCAL ESTATE

The late Mrs. Wat Chan-shi (Watt Chan-see), alias Chan Mi-kuen, who died on Sept. 2 last year, at No. 17 Po Kong Road, left local estate valued at \$15,400. An application for probate of the will has been granted to Wat Kun-wing, civil servant, and Wat Koi-king, merchant.

Union Insurance	20
Gula Kalumpung Rubber	15 1/2
Lon. Mid. & Scot. Rly.	14 1/2
Great Western Rly.	33 1/2
National Bank of India	31 1/2
B.-A. Tob. (bearer)	90
Dunlop Rubber	33
Bristol Aeroplane	10 1/4
Imperial Chemical Ind.	28 1/2
United Steel	21 1/2
Woolworths	51 1/2
Maraman Investments	6 1/2
Western Holdings	9 1/2
Sub-Nigel	145
Shell Trans. & Trad. (bearer)	41 1/2
—bid.	—ex. dv.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION (REUTER'S SERVICE)

FEBRUARY 16, 1941.

STOCKS	Last Sale Feb. 15	STOCKS	Last Sale Feb. 15
Adams Express	5 1/2	Loft Incorporated	14 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	20 1/2	Mack Truck Inc.	25 1/2
Allis Chalmers	70 1/2	Martin, Glen L.	23 1/2
Aluminum Ltd.	82 1/2	McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	24 1/2
Amer. Can.	31 1/2	Montgomery Ward	35 1/2
American Cyanamid B.	31 1/2	M'tain City Copper Co.	2 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	13 1/2	National Aviation	8 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	12 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	13 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	16 1/2	National Distillers	20 1/2
Amer. Radiator	6	National Lead	15 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	12 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	6 1/2
Amer. S'ing and R'ing Co.	39	National Supply Corp.	5 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	13 1/2	New York Central	12 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	159 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	2 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	68	N. American Aviation	13 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	5 1/2	North American Co.	15 1/2
Anacostia Copper	22 1/2	Northern Pacific	5 1/2
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	20 1/2	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	42 1/2
Aviation Corp.	3 1/2	Pacific Gas & Elec.	25 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	14 1/2	Packard Motors	21
Baltimore & Ohio	31	Pan-American Airways	12 1/2
Barber Asphalt Co.	8 1/2	Paramount Pictures	10 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	7 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	22 1/2
Bendix Aviation	33 1/2	Philadelphia Read. Coal	3 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	76 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	36
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Boeing Airplane Co.	14 1/2	Pullman Inc.	23 1/2
Borg-Warner	17 1/2	Pure Oil	7 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	18 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	4 1/2
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Canadian Pacific Rwy.	31	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	5 1/2
Case, J.I.	44 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	31
Celanese	23	Republic Steel	17 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	38 1/2	Revere Corp.	8 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	64 1/2	Reynold Tobacco "B"	32
Columbia Gas & Elec.	39 1/2	Safeway Stores	38 1/2
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Com. & Southern (Ord.)	1	Sears Roebuck	64
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Copperweld Steel	14 1/2	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	32 1/2
Curtiss Wright (C.)	7 1/2	Standard Brands	1
Curtiss Wright "A"	25 1/2	Stand Gas & Elec.	6
Deere & Co.	19 1/2	Standard Oil of California	18 1/2
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	18 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	33 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	65 1/2	Stone & Webster	6 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	140	Studebaker Com.	6 1/2
Sagile Picher Lead	9	Swift International	17 1/2
Easton Mfg. Co.	30	Technicolor	9
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1940/41	Feb. 14	Feb. 16, 1941	Change
High Low Dow Jones Averages	117.80 111.84 30	117.89 117.88 118.55	.99 up
Industrials	32.67 22.15 20	32.74 32.74 32.65	.11 up
Rails	26.45 18.03 20	26.45 18.03 18.06	.10 up
Utilities	92.19 83.08 40	92.82 83.08 83.81	.01 off
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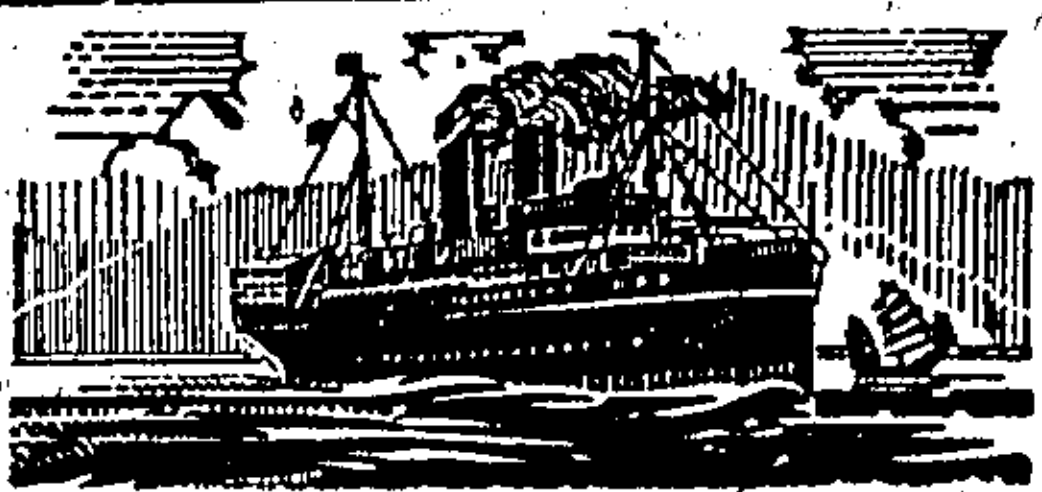
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The price must also be written in English figures on a wooden board or metal plate not less than five by three inches in size.

The label must also specify the weight and quantity of the food in respect of which the price is demanded.

Thus, a stall holder must in future sell to any person who offers him the price displayed for his goods. If the price he demands be above the maximum controlled price, he commits an offence under the Food Order and is liable to prosecution by the authorities.

**COLONY HEALTH
BULLETIN**

Forty-seven cases of tuberculosis, five of measles, two each of diphtheria, and one each of cholera, chicken-pox and cerebrospinal fever were notified to the Health authorities on Wednesday.

On Thursday, 35 cases of tuberculosis, 26 of dysentery, six of enteric fever, and three each of cholera and measles were notified. On Friday, 37 cases of tuberculosis, a further 12 of dysentery, three of enteric fever, two of diphtheria and one each of measles, chicken-pox and cerebrospinal fever were notified.

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory
10 a.m. Feb. 18.
Barometer (at sea level) 30.15 ins.
Temperature, 60 F.
Humidity, 94 per cent.
Wind Direction, E/N.
Wind Force (Beaufort) 5.
Temperature: Maximum yesterday, 80 F.
Minimum last night, 59 F.
Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th today, 0.04 ins.
Total rainfall since January 1st, 8.97 ins.
Against an average of 2.13 ins.
Sunset tonight, 6.21 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 6.54 a.m.
4 p.m., Feb. 18.
Barometer (at sea level), 30.05 ins.
Temperature, 61 F.
Humidity, 92 per cent.
Wind Direction, E/S.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.
Maximum temperature, 62 F.
Minimum temperature, 59 F.
Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 17 to 23 Feb. 1941.

Days of Week	Days of Month	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Mon.	17	11.11	5.9	6.47	2.1
		00.54	5.9	08.47	2.1
Tues.	18	13.24	5.9	19.27	2.4
		02.00	5.1	07.24	2.6
Wed.	19	14.16	5.9	20.57	2.5
		03.25	4.6	08.03	3.1
		15.22	6.0	22.47	2.4
Thurs.	20	05.07	4.1	08.55	3.5
		16.34	6.2	—	—
Fri.	21	06.54	4.1	09.18	2.0
		17.47	8.4	10.21	3.7
Sat.	22	08.06	4.3	01.20	1.8
		18.51	6.6	11.52	3.7
Sun.	23	08.55	4.5	02.01	1.3
		19.42	6.8	12.55	3.5

**Japanese Fined Under
Defence Regulations**

Charged with an offence under the Defence Regulations, Isamu Masamoto, a Japanese clerk employed in the local office of Messrs. Osaka Syosen Kaisha, Ltd., was fined \$50, or two weeks' rigorous imprisonment, when he pleaded guilty in the Fifth Police Court, Singapore.

The allegation against Masamoto was that on Oct. 10 last year, on board the s.s. "Arabia Maru," he attempted to send letters, other than by post, to destinations outside the Colony.

Outlining the facts of the case, Inspector J. Le Cain stated that at about 5.30 p.m. on Oct. 10 Mr. F. Sharpe, Assistant Immigration Officer, boarded the vessel alongside harbour godowns 59 and 60, and proceeded to examine all persons on board, among whom was the accused.

Masamoto, who had in his hand a large unsealed envelope, told Mr. Sharpe that it contained ship's papers, whereupon the latter examined the cover and found apart from the ship's papers, there was also a quantity of letters, all of which, with the exception of two, had been passed by the Censor.

"One letter, which was in a white cover, sealed and unstamped, was addressed to Mr. T. Sukagawa, O.S.K., Buenos Aires, Argentine, while the other was in a brown cover addressed in Japanese to the manager of the O.S.K. Lines in Buenos Aires."

Mr. Sharpe, continued, Inspector Le Cain, then asked the accused what he intended to do with those two letters, and he replied that he was going to hand them to the master of the ship to deliver them for him.

CARELESSNESS PLEA

Mr. J. K. Gale, who appeared on behalf of Masamoto, pleaded that the offence arose through "carelessness" on the part of his client, and pointed out that the contents of the two letters were perfectly harmless. Counsel also mentioned the fact that the accused was told to go down to the ship at the last minute.

Declaring that the prosecution did not dispute the fact that the contents of the two letters were harmless, Inspector "Le Cain" stated that part of the accused's duty was to take along papers and documents to all ships belonging to the Line which came into port, submitted that he should have been more careful.

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The Harbour Department announced on Saturday that "a dangerous area" exists within a radius of half a mile from Lat. 22.05 N. Long. 114.19 East.

FIRING PRACTICE

Light gun firing practice will be carried out between 6 p.m. and midnight today.

Firing areas "C" "D" and "E" will be affected.

Light gun firing practice will be carried out between 6 p.m. and midnight tomorrow.

Firing areas "D" and "E" will be affected.

Firing practice, as under, is notified for Wednesday:—

(a) Heavy gun practice between 6.30 and 10.30 p.m.

Firing area "D" will be affected.

(b) Light gun firing practice between 6 p.m. and midnight.

Firing areas "D" and "E" will be affected.

Firing practice, as under, is notified for Thursday:—

(a) Heavy gun anti-aircraft practice between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. in the south-eastern area of the Island.

Firing area "B" will be affected.

(b) Heavy gun seaward practice will be carried out between 6.30 and 10.30 p.m.

Firing area "C" will be affected.

(c) Light gun practice between 6 p.m. and midnight.

Firing areas "D" and "E" will be affected.

Firing practice, as under, is notified for Friday:—

(a) Heavy gun anti-aircraft practice between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. in the south-eastern area of the Island.

Firing area "B" will be affected.

(b) Light gun practice between the hours of 6 and 10 p.m.

Firing area "C" will be affected.

Alternative date Feb. 24.

(c) Light gun practice between 6 p.m. and midnight.

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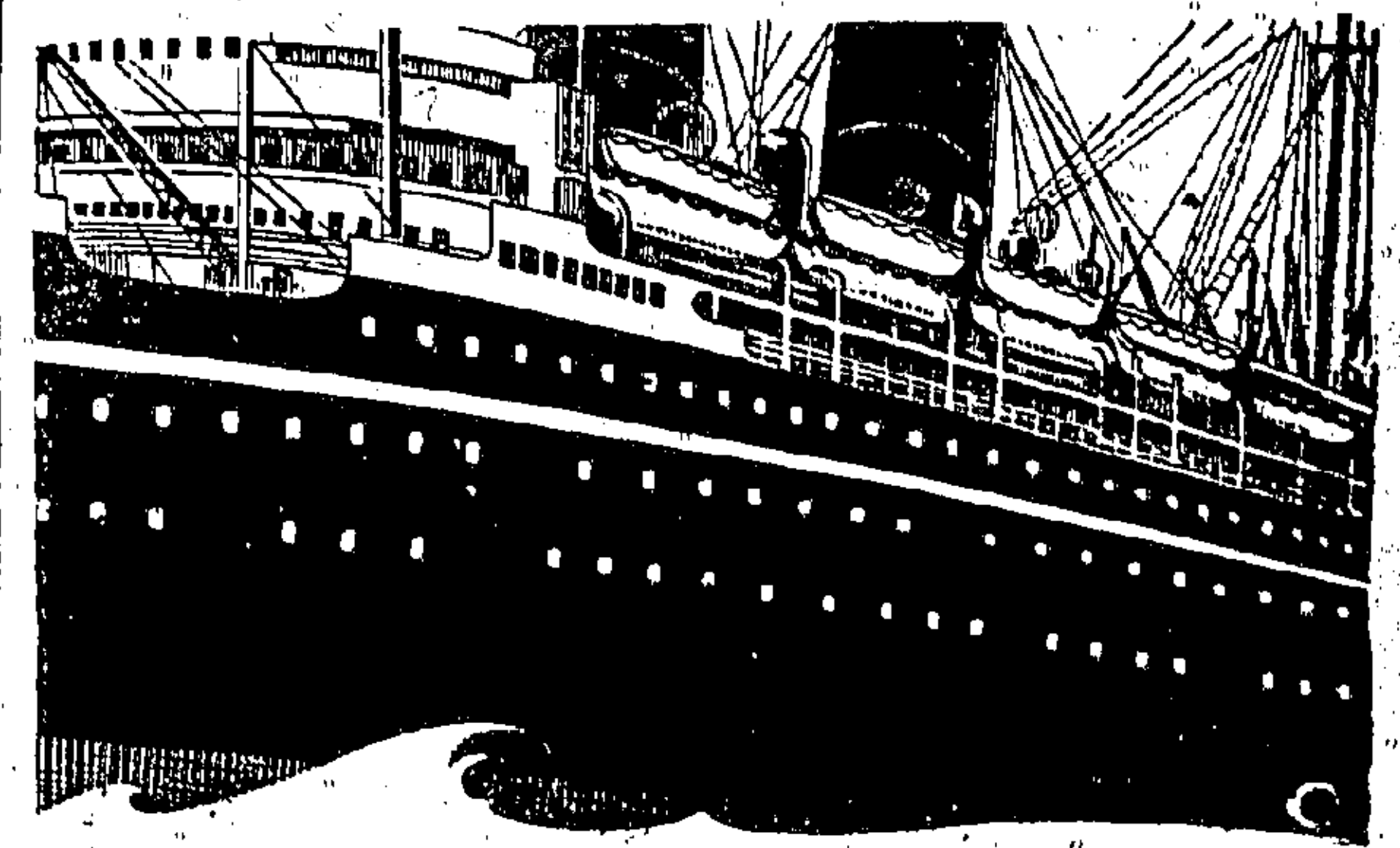
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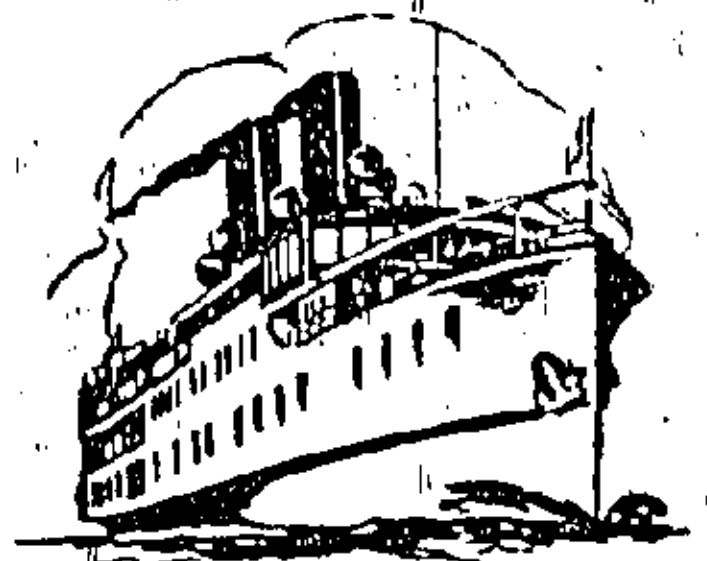
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Presided over by Dr. C. T. Wang, President of the Society, the meeting was attended by Mr. Hsu Shih-ying, Acting Chairman of the National Relief Commission; Dr. W. W. Yen, former Chinese Ambassador to Soviet Russia; Mr. Hsiao-lai, Mr. Yeh Kung-cho, Mr. Tu Yueh-sen, Mr. Samuel S. U. Zau, Dr. J. Heng Liu and others.

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Brighton 1, Arsenal 4; Cardiff 3, Swansea 2; Chelsea 3, Portsmouth 1; Clapton O. 3, Aldershot 2; Crystal Palace 0, Queen's Park Rangers 1; Leicester, 3, Birmingham 3; Luton 4, Northampton 5; Mansfield 5, Stoke 1; Norwich 2, West Ham. 1; Notts County 4, West Bromwich 0; Reading 3, Bristol City 2; Southampton 2, Brentford 2; Southend 3, Millwall 1; Tottenham 4, Bournemouth 1; Walsall 3, Notts Forest 2; Watford 4, Fulham 1.

NORTH

Blackpool 1, Manchester City 4; Blackburn 2, Oldham 0; Bolton 3, Burnley 1; York 3, Bradford 2; Bury 4, Preston 4; Chester 2, Tranmere 0; Chesterfield 1, Barnsley 4; Grimsby 1, Doncaster 0; Halifax 2, Leeds 3; Huddersfield 2, Middlesbrough 2; Hull 4, Lincoln 1; Liverpool 2, Southport 3; Manchester United 2, Everton 2; New Brighton 2, Wrexham 1; Newcastle 1, Rochdale 2; Sheffield United 2, Rotherham 3.

**HOME RUGGER
RESULTS**

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The following are the results of rugby league matches played at home yesterday.

Castleford 4, Bradford 14; Leeds 16, Huddersfield 16; Leeds 5, Hull 14; Wakefield Trinity 20; Batley 10; York 6, Bramley 8; Featherstone 11, Keighley 10; Halifax 26, Hunslet 13; Guys Hospital 6, Aldershot Command 3; Bedford 18, St. Varts Hospital 14; Cambridge 10, St. Mary's Hospital 13; Gloucester 21, Army XV 17; Oxford U. 12, Middlesex Hospital 3; Yorkshire XV 5, Northern Command XV 17; Rosslyn Park 24, Metropolitan Police 13; Bath 22, R. A. F. XV 5, Wasps 0, Army XV 3; Northampton 11, Combined Services XV 3.

FRIENDLY

Oldham 11, Wigan 15.

**PILOT NO
ONE KNEW**

The name of the R.A.F. pilot who shot down Major Helmuth Wiecek, Germany's greatest air ace, will never be known.

The pilot died with two companions in a grim battle off the Isle of Wight on November 28 against a flight of nine Me 109s led by Wiecek.

The Hurricane pilots, outnumbered, fought until one by one they were shot down.

One of them shot down the Nazi ace and was then himself shot down by Wiecek's best friend.

As none returned, the Air Ministry have no record of what took place, apart from the radio message from the flight leader: "Enemy aircraft sighted. Attacking."

Major Wiecek was the leader of the Richthofen Squadron. The Nazis claim he had 56 British, Polish, and French aircraft to his credit.

Nov. 28 was one of the R.A.F.'s few "off" days, when six of our fighter planes were lost, against five Nazis.

An R.A.F. officer said that Wiecek's reputed "bag" of 56 was probably correct. He said: "We had heard a lot about him, but none of our pilots knew when he engaged him in battle. Unlike the Richthofen Circus in the last war, when Richthofen flew a red plane, Wiecek's squadron all flew aircraft with the same distinctive guilching marks—yellow noses." The officer added that there must be at least six R.A.F. fighter pilots with "bags" approaching the 50 mark.

Dr. Robert Kho-seng Lim, Director of the Red Cross Relief Corps, who had made a special trip here by air from Kwelyang, was also present and reported on the relief work carried out last year.

The budget fixed the business expenses of the Society for the present year at N.C.\$8,056,800 and administrative expenses at N.C.\$246,000 and H.K.\$102,000. The expenses of transportation, uniforms for Red Cross workers and publicity work were fixed at N.C.\$282,000 and H.K.\$96,000. Other expenses provided for included subsidies for relief work at N.C.\$240,000 and H.K.\$6,000, and provisional expenses at N.C.\$175,200 and H.K.\$156,000. The reserve fund was fixed at N.C.\$600,000.

MEDICAL PERSONNEL

The conference also decided to train a competent medical personnel for relief work. For the first year, five doctors and 10 nurses will be trained at an estimated expenditure of N.C.\$17,000.

The conference re-appointed Mr. Pan Hsiao-ao as Secretary-General of the Society. In order to better meet the wartime needs, the organic system of the Society was revised. It was also decided to create a Youth Department and Women's Department with the view to encouraging overseas Chinese youths to participate in Red Cross work.

On the motion of the Chairman, the conference dispatched a message of tribute to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

It is understood that the Society has decided to designate the Double Tenth Anniversary year as the Red Cross Week to launch a campaign for N.C.\$5,000,000 for the establishment of a large-scale Red Cross Hospital.

**Baer Listed
No. 1
Challenger**

The magazine "Ring's" annual ratings list Max Baer as No. 1 contender for Joe Louis' heavyweight boxing crown. Baer was given the honour because he knocked out Tony Galento and Lou Comiskey this year.

The magazine predicted that Billy Conn, who fights Louis in June, would not last long against the "Brown Bomber."

The magazine did not list the middle-weight, bantamweight and flyweight title-holders but listed the leaders in each division as Louis, heavyweight; Conn, light-heavyweight; Ken Overlin, middle-weight; Fritz Zivic, welter-weight; Lew Jenkins, lightweight; H. Jaffra, featherweight; F. Olivera, bantamweight, and Jackie Paterson of Scotland, flyweight.

HOCKEY TOURNEY

Royal Engineers beat the 2nd M. T. B. Flotilla by 14 goals to nil in the only Hockey Association Tournament match played yesterday. This mammoth score was achieved on the Navy ground at King's Park.

In a Large Units Hockey League game, played at Shamshulpo, Mid-

**SPRING SERIES
OF R.H.K.Y.C.**

**Wins For True Blue
And Zephyr**

The first race of the Spring Series of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club sailed on Saturday resulted in wins for True Blue (Mr. L. Garner) in the "A" Class and Zephyr (Mr. M. S. Banner) in the Mixed Class.

Results follow:—

"A" CLASS		Finished Corr. Pos. Pts.
True Blue	16.07.54-16.07.54	1 143
(Mr. L. Garner)		
Redshank	16.07.43-16.07.43	2 85
(Capt. J. Korghmoe)		
La Linda	16.08.38-16.08.38	3 159
(Mr. P. D. A. Childell)		
Artemis	16.09.32-16.09.32	4 172
(Mr. G. G. Wood)		
Mauréen	16.09.77-16.09.37	5 133
(Mr. D. Allen)		
Joss	16.11.15-16.11.15	6 164
(Capt. P. H. MacMillan)		
P. Lady	16.11.21-16.11.21	7 57
(Capt. G. U. Bird)		
Jean	16.13.07-16.13.07	8 76
(Mr. L. C. Baker)		
Petrel	16.13.11-16.13.11	9 82
(Mr. C. F. Hyde)		
Arki	16.14.54-16.14.54	10 3
(Mr. H. W. Browne)		
Gull	16.19.55-16.19.55	11 184
(Capt. A. O. G. Mills)		
MIXED CLASS		
Zephyr	16.22.22-16.24.24	1 72
(Mr. M. S. Banner)		
Wendy	16.33.18-16.25.24	2 86
(Mr. L. O. N. Thomson)		
Owl	16.35.01-16.27.07	3 75
(Mr. G. L. Eastgate)		
Widgeon	16.32.22-16.30.23	4 84
(Major J. E. Dobbs)		
Eryl	16.33.21-16.31.22	5 39
(Lt.-Col. J. C. L. Yale)		
Alisa	16.37.28-16.37.28	6 94
(Capt. W. A. Ingram)		

**Corinthian Cruiser
Series Results**

The 3rd Corinthian Cruiser Series race sailed yesterday resulted in a win for Tern (Mr. J. L. Anderson). Results follow:

Finished Corr. Pos. Pts.	
Tern	17.03.16-15.45.41 1 13
(Mr. J. L. Anderson)	
Typhoon	17.20.05-15.48.25 2 24
(Mr. G. M. Marrs)	
Evadne	17.17.44-16.01.10 3 33
(Major G. E. Neve)	
Donna	16.37.49-16.17.53 4 31
(Mr. E. Cock)	
Norena	16.25.10-16.25.10 5 26
(Mr. P. C. M. Sedgwick)	
Treenaur	18.13.50-16.26.56 6 5
(Major C. V. Templer)	
Red Rover	17.23.03-16.38.45 7 3
(Capt. R. W. Bateman)	

**OPEN TENNIS
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Little or no new talent is likely to be on view when the Colony Open Tennis Championships make a start on Monday, March 10.

The old "stagers," H.D. Rumjahn and S.A. Rumjahn, who surprised with a magnificent come-back last year to win the doubles title, will, it is understood, be defending their title. "Sirdar" will also be defending his singles championship.

Last year's dethroned champions, Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui, will be making an attempt to regain their lost titles, and with Paul Kong will be the chief contenders from Chinese R.C.

Two new entries are likely to come from C.R.C. in T.C. Chan, a player from Java, who helped that club in their final league match last season and K.H. Yip, a promising youngster who should gather valuable experience.

desex Regiment beat the Punjab Regiment by five goals to one.



Mr. Tai Hok-lan and his bride, the former Miss Yip Su-ying, photographed after their wedding.—(King's studio).

FOREIGN MAILS

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Hunan
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North and East of Kwangtung.

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INWARD MAILS

From	Due
Canton	17th Feb.
Sandakan	17th Feb.
Straits and Airmail by "British Overseas Airways Service" (except London) by Sea from Singapore	18th Feb.
United-Kingdom and Straits	18th Feb.
United-Kingdom and Straits	18th Feb.
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Calcutta and Straits	20th Feb.
Canton	21st Feb.
Sandakan	21st Feb.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 15th February.	22nd Feb.
United-Kingdom and Straits	23rd Feb.
Canton	24th Feb.
Calcutta and Straits	24th Feb.
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan, and Shanghai — (San Francisco date, 7th February)	25th Feb.
Canton	26th Feb.
United-Kingdom and Straits	26th Feb.
Java and Manila	3rd Mar.
Australia and Manila	3rd Mar.

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For	Date and Time
MONDAY	
	Mon. 17th
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 11.00 AM
	Ord. 11.30 AM
	G.P.O.
	Reg. 11.00 AM
	Ord. 11.30 AM
	12.30 PM
	5.30 PM
Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	Reg. 11.00 AM
Straits	Ord. 11.30 AM
Saigon	12.30 PM
	5.30 PM
TUESDAY	
Canton	7.00 PM
WEDNESDAY	
Manila, Rabaul, Australia, and New Zealand via Brisbane	Wed. 19th
Haiphong	G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Straits and Rangoon	Reg. 18th 5.00 PM
	Par. 18th 5.00 PM
	Ord. 18th 8.30 AM
	10.30 AM
	Noon
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
	G.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
FRIDAY	
Manila, Batavia and Sourabaya	Fri. 21st
Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta	8.30 AM
Manila, Batavia, Mauritius, Lourenco Marques, East and South Africa via Durban	3.3 PM
	3.30 PM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 4.00 PM
	Ord. 4.30 PM
	G.P.O.
	Reg. 4.00 PM
	Ord. 4.30 PM
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	K.P.O.
	Parcels 4.00 PM
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
	G.P.O.
	Parcels 4.00 PM
	Reg. 5.00 PM
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SATURDAY	
	Sat. 22nd
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	G.P.O.
	Reg. 9.00 AM
	Ord. 9.30 AM
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	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
	G.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
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Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	Reg. 9.00 AM
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa	Ord. 9.30 AM
	10.30 AM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
	G.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
SUNDAY	
Saigon	San. 23rd
	9.00 AM
MONDAY	
	Mon. 24th
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 11.00 AM
	Ord. 11.30 AM
	G.P.O.
	Reg. 11.00 AM
	Ord. 11.30 AM
Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	Reg. 11.00 AM
	Ord. 11.30 AM

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